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Yaumati ...Dep.	8.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin ...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo ...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
Taipo Market Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling ...Dep.	7.33	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
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Fanling ...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
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Yaumati ...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.03	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
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VISIT OF GENERAL BOOTH.

A SHORT STAY IN HONGKONG.

ADDRESS AT THE CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.

SALVATION ARMY WORK IN CHINA.

General Bramwell Booth, the present head of the Salvation Army, who is making a world tour visiting the Army's headquarters in different countries, will arrive in Hongkong by the P. & O. s.s. *Devanha* on Tuesday and has promised to give an address in the City Hall at 5.30 the following afternoon (November 24th). The General will leave for India Wednesday evening so that his stay here will be a very brief one.

The public are cordially invited to attend the City Hall meeting, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. An account will be given of Salvation Army work in China and the scope and value of that work is, at present, only faintly realised. General Bramwell Booth is a man of remarkable personality and has been given wonderful receptions during his journeys through Canada and and Japan. Moreover, he now comes direct from North China and will give first hand information regarding the conditions prevailing there. His address cannot fail to be of outstanding interest.

Some idea of the Salvation Army's organisation may be gathered from the fact that it carries on work in 81 countries and in 58 languages. It has 30,000 officer employees and 187,000 locally recruited officers. In Japan, for example, General Bramwell Booth was met at the quay side by over a thousand Japanese Salvation Army officers and was greeted by them with an enthusiasm which knew no bounds. There was no question regarding the loyalty shown for "The Chief."

In the periods of famine in China the Salvation Army is always to the fore in looking after the needy. Last winter over, 9,000 bowls of hot porridge were distributed from their porridge kitchens, and during the recent fighting they have cared for many men, women and children driven from their homes by the contending parties. The Salvation Army knows no politics and does not discriminate between the worthy and unworthy. To the limit of its power it holds out a helping hand to all who require assistance. This is the work of which General Bramwell Booth will speak.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE MYSTERY.

Many of the residents of Yateley (Hampshire), says a home paper to hand, have of late been systematically annoyed by the receipt of anonymous letters and postcards couched in the most abusive and offensive terms, and no event in the parish now takes place without someone being assailed in this way. The matter has reached almost epidemic form, and the Parochial Church Council have this week felt it necessary to issue printed bills offering a reward of £5 for information which will lead to the discovery and conviction of the author of the offending communications.

No one appears to escape the annoyance, and in the majority of cases the letters and postcards are worded so as to cause as much pain to the recipient as possible. Officials of the parish church and church workers generally seem to be the main objects of attack. The vicar, the Rev. A. J. Howell, has received more than a dozen missives couched in very abusive terms, and over half a dozen have reached a lady who takes the keenest interest in the social life of Yateley. Others who have been attacked by the anonymous writer include the widow of a distinguished general, a general, and a colonel. Only this week one of the church workers received a card which, after some offensive expressions, continued: "The sermon on Sunday must have hit you hard, as I noticed you moved most uncomfortably in your seat. As you have sown, so you must reap."

The author of all the letters and cards is undoubtedly the same person, as the writing on them, though evidently in an assumed hand, is identical. In nearly every case they bear the Yateley postmark.

COME TO MACAO.

THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

[BY A MACAO CORRESPONDENT.]

The Macao Fair is well worth a short visit from residents of Hongkong and travellers who may be in that Colony, for much is to be seen there which foreigners do not, generally, have a chance of seeing, although they may have been quite a long time in the Far East.

Regarding the two large pavilions, one wonders how the "Matshed Man" has been able to produce such large buildings, by using only bamboo and palm leaf. No iron nails, screws, steel joists or girders have been employed; the "Matshed Man" just went to the vegetable kingdom for his needs. In the front of these airy and spacious sheds, are to be seen many figures, carved in wood, representing legendary and historical scenes of by-gone ages.

Once inside the first of these two large pavilions, the miniature Chinese marriage procession, true in every detail, will surely catch the eye of the visitors. Beginning with the sedan chair, conveying the go-between or the "Mui Yen," we see samples of the presents, supposed to be sent to the bridegroom, by the bride and her people,—food-stuffs, including vegetables and sweets are there, as well as clothing, and a mingling of Chinese and European furniture. Then comes the bridal chair, or the "Fa Kiu," in which only spinsters may be carried. Chinese custom does not permit widows who re-marry to be conveyed in such a chair.

To show that nothing is more certain than death, on the other side of the pavilion is a group of carved figures, representing a Chinese funeral procession. There are the large lanterns, with Chinese characters written in the blue ink which is the Chinese mourning colour, and various offerings of food and clothing for the dead. Then comes the coffin followed by the family and friends of the deceased. It is a Chinese funeral procession, on a small scale, with every detail scrupulously carried out.

The industries are also well represented. Gold and silver-ware, porcelain, lacquer-ware, as well as silks, satins, embroideries, copper-ware, and household articles, made of the ever useful bamboo, are to be seen.

More than thirty other stands have a varied assortment of exhibits, such as wines and provisions, from Portugal, books, cigars and cigarettes. Additional attractions are a Merry-go-round and Ferry-wheel, the cinema and Chinese on ancient mill and "Holland pavilions" near the picturesque lake, and boats, full of pleasure seekers, raffles, restaurants and an old English Inn known as the "Goat and the Compasses."

Surely a visit to the Macao Fair by all who can find the time to come over to this Colony will be well worth while.

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Macao, November 18th.

OXFORD'S NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Mr. Pember, the Warden of All Souls, whose predecessor, the late Sir William Anson, was also vice-chancellor, is shortly to succeed Mr. Joseph Wells, Warden of Wadham College, as vice-chancellor of Oxford University.

Mr. Pember, who is 63, had a brilliant career at Balliol as an undergraduate, was elected to a fellowship at All Souls, and went to the bar. There somehow his talents failed to eventuate, and he returned to the academic groove as warden of All Souls.

He is a man of peculiar charm of personality and manner and strikingly good-looking—qualities which have no doubt helped in making his reign at All Souls a success.

The post of Chancellor of the University, an entirely honorary one, is held by Lord Cave, the Lord Chancellor, who was elected on the death of Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

Hull City Council have decided to reinstate 200 tramwaymen who were not taken back after the general strike.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Football and Cricket: (Details in to-day's paper).
Shanghai Interport Cricketers *v.* Kowloon, at K.C.C., 10.30 a.m.
Yachting: Championship Race.
H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. Annual Fete at Government House, 2 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Palace Hotel dance, 9 p.m.
C.C.C. dance, 9.15 p.m.
A.D.C. "Dramatic Medley," Theatre Royal (concluding performance). Interport cricketers attend.
Queen's Theatre: "The Ragman."
World Theatre: "A Fool's Awakening."
Star Theatre: "On Thin Ice."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., Europe *vid* America and *vid* Siberia (*President Pierce*), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

Shanghai Interport Cricketers leave on *President Pierce*.
V.D.A. Sunday. Special Services at St. John's Cathedral, and St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
Memorial Tablet to late Hon. Sir C. P. Chater to be unveiled by the Bishop of Victoria at close of morning service, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.
Annual Swimming Sports St. John Ambulance Brigade, King's College, Bonham Road, 11 a.m.
Golf: St. Andrew's *v.* St. George's Societies at Fanling.
Yachting: Naval Day.
Cricket: I.R.C. 2nd XI. *v.* H.K. Electric Co. on I.R.C. ground, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Merry Widow."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *vid* Negapatam (*Phemius*). Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Katori Maru*), 9 a.m.

Monday.

Dr. John Allison, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., late of George Watson's College, Edinburgh, due here.
Varsity Ship *Rhydam* due with 500 students from America and Canada.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture on "Japan," by Mr. D. O. de Silva, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Merry Widow."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*Siberia Maru*).

Tuesday.

Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Practice dance for St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 5-7 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Merry Widow."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Chambord*), 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Xmas parcel mail for U.S.A. and Canada closes, 5 p.m.
General Bramwell Booth at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Male Voice Choir Concert at Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Merry Widow."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Manila, Australia and New Zealand (*Mishima Maru*), 9.30 a.m., Canada, U.S.A., Europe *vid* Victoria B.C. and *vid* Siberia (*President Madison*), 3.30; Canada, U.S.A. and Europe *vid* Victoria, B.C. (*Protesilaus*), 10.30 a.m.

Thursday.

Xmas letter mail for U.S.A. and Canada closes, 10.30 a.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Sea Beast."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A. etc. (*President Taft*). Outward: Canada, U.S.A. and Europe *vid* Victoria B.C. (*President Taft*).

Friday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Practice dance for St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 5-7 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Sea Beast."

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

"INTRUSION" OF WIRELESS.

LITTLE PRIVATE LIFE IN FUTURE.

The Headmaster of Rugby, Mr. W. W. Vaughan, distributing the prizes at the Whitgift Grammar School, Croydon, said that wireless intruded on the private life of the individual, and nowadays it was hard to be alone. Wireless was going to make a great difference in the years to come. They would not have much private life. Instead of solitary thought people were now listening to what was said to millions of people, and which, therefore, could not be the best things. If they were going to trust their future lives to inspiration from a voice, speaking no doubt with singular clarity, on things of interest to millions, they would be very liable to find themselves listening to very commonplace things.

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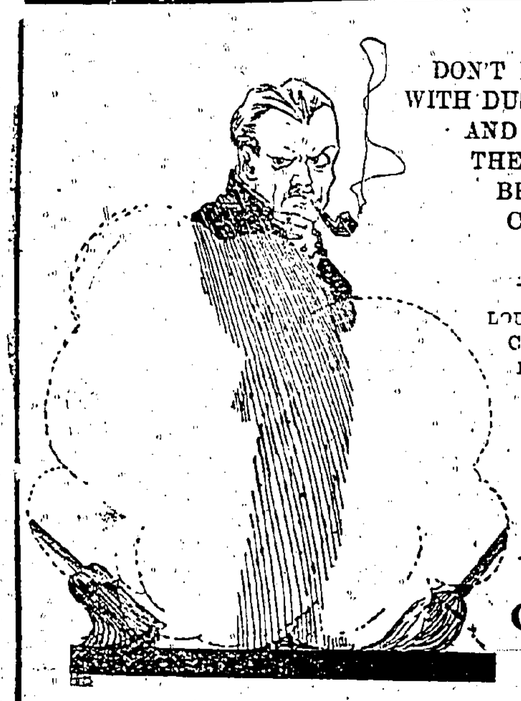
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REAL-LIFE MOWGLI STORY.

TWO BENGALI CHILDREN BROUGHT UP BY A WOLF.

INDIAN CLERGYMAN'S STRANGE STORY.

The *Westminster Gazette* of October 22nd presents its readers with the following remarkable story (very wisely the paper takes no responsibility as to its truth) which it has received from India. It tells of two native children being reared in a wolves' lair, after the manner of Rudyard Kipling's Mowgli, the "wolf boy" of the Jungle Books. The "real life story" is, however, less pleasant than the romance.

When consulted on the subject, anthropological experts in the laboratories of Prof. G. Elliott Smith, at University College, London, were disinclined to give the story credence, beyond admitting that humans can subsist on any form of animal milk.

Dr. G. M. Vevers, Superintendent of the London Zoo, was also sceptical, and gave it as his opinion that the wolves would probably have eaten the children.

The story, however, is vouched for by the Rev. J. A. L. Singh, of Midnapur, Bengal, and in part by Bishop H. Pakenham Walsh, of Bishop's College, Calcutta, and is, accordingly, reproduced for its intrinsic interest.

Bishop Walsh's narrative is as follows:

"At the end of August, 1926, I visited the Orphanage run by the Rev. J. A. L. Singh and his wife at Midnapur, West Bengal. Mr. Singh used to be a student of Bishop's College, Calcutta.

Haunted by Demons.

"When visiting a distant part of his district the villagers told him there was a certain path which they never used because it was haunted by Bhuts (Demons). They had seen these Bhuts, they declared, enter a hole at the foot of a big ant-heap.

"Mr. Singh asked them to show him the place, and they pointed out the hole. They saw nothing, and at his suggestion sixteen of them started digging.

"After some time two wolves darted out of the hole. Then a she-wolf came to the entrance and snarled, growled, and refused to move, and they were obliged to shoot it.

Two Girls with Wolf Cubs.

"Digging on, they came to the den, and found there two wolf cubs and two girls, one aged 2, the other about 8.

"The girls were very fierce. They darted away on all-fours, going faster than anyone there could run, and uttering guttural barkings. They took refuge in a bush, and were eventually caught. Their finger-nails were worn into a concave shape through constantly scratching the ground.

"It is not an uncommon thing in that locality for children to be exposed when infants, especially if they are girls and not wanted. It is probable that the mother wolf had found one such baby and taken it home, carrying it by its clothes. Six years after the she-wolf must have found another baby, and having found pleasure in having a 'cub' that remained small and did not leave the den, adopted it, too.

Put in Enclosure.

"Both girls were Bengalis, and it is not likely they were sisters. Mr. Singh said that he would return and take away the children, and the villagers made an enclosure for them, and threw them food, not meat, because they would not touch it.

"By the time Mr. Singh returned they were almost dead, very weak, and covered with sores, and offered no resistance. He took them to his Orphanage in Midnapur, where his wife did her best to nurse them to life. The younger, however, developed dysentery and died. The elder shed a few tears, the only sign of emotion she ever made.

"The elder child grew up. She is of normal size and there is nothing peculiar about her except that she sits animal-like and does nothing for hours together. Her face has a vacant appearance, but when she says one of the thirty words she has learnt, especially when she gives the Bengal greeting and says 'Namaskar,' she smiles sweetly and has a pleasing face.

"For a long time she could not keep clothes on. They stitched some strong cloth tightly round her body which she could not tear off, and in course of time she submitted to clothes.

Ate Like an Animal.

"Another thing she resented was being washed. For a long time she ate with her mouth down to the dish, but eventually they taught her to use her hands.

"She takes no interest in other children or in toys or games. When they gave her a doll she bit it. At first the other children were inclined to tease her, but they soon gave it up because she could bite and scratch.

"She has no fears usual with children and prefers the dark to the light. She was not afraid of fire till she felt it burn her, and since then she has given it a wide berth.

Weak Mind.

"Her hearing and sight are extra acute, but her touch does not seem to be developed, and her memory is very weak.

"She was baptised some time ago, and is called Kalama, which she says very prettily. Mr. Singh says she has developed much more rapidly since.

"When the two children were alive they slept huddled one on top of the other, like puppies. She never barks now, or utters noises, except the words she has learnt. She does not laugh or cry.

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FIVE CASUALTIES IN MACHINE-GUN AFFRAY.

A machine-gun battle in Chicago on October 12th in which two liquor traffic leaders were killed and three wounded was the subject to-day of national discussion, says the *Daily Mail*. The most significant comment on it and on the conditions generally in Chicago is that made by Scarface Capone, whose adopted name is Browne.

Capone, a resolute man of 27, is the acknowledged "King" of the beer trade. He received reporters in his hotel and issued an amazing interview appealing for the immediate conclusion of peace between himself and his rivals.

Capone, whom the police say it is useless to arrest because he is richly provided with alibis, began with a solemn expression of his "abhorrence of butchery." While speaking he held conspicuously in his hand photographs of his dearly-beloved seven-years-old son. He professed extreme regret at the death of Hymie Weiss, one of the victims, and said that he would certainly send flowers to his funeral.

He explained that the gang murders of which Chicago has seen 110 in three years, had their origin in the disloyalty of members of his own organisation who began to think that they "were bigger than we were." By "we" Capone obviously meant himself and his murdered partner.

Capone, however, said he had been willing "to forgive and forget." He talked to Hymie Weiss and others, saying, "Do you want to die before you are thirty?" Peace was then concluded. "We kept our bargain," said the beer king, "but they broke theirs."

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Prison Mutiny.

Simultaneously an even more extraordinary outbreak occurred in the town of Media, Pennsylvania. The Delaware county goal there has long been the subject of unfavourable reports. In the early hours of the morning nearly 200 prisoners, men and women, succeeded in breaking out of their cells.

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PLOUGHMAN'S FIND.

NEOLITHIC OBJECTS LEAD TO A CONTROVERSY.

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In these words, Professor G. Elliot Smith, in the course of his Presidential address to the University College and Hospital Anthropological Society at University College, London, explained why it was quite probable that the Neolithic finds made recently at Glozel, near Vichy, are really genuine and not frauds, as has been suggested.

The discovery was made by a ploughman about eighteen months ago and consisted of Neolithic objects revealing cultural affinities with the Aegean, in the same stratum as clay tables inscribed with a script closely resembling that found in 1894, also numerous engravings of animals on pebbles, the style of which was degenerate Magdalenian. Into the midst of the controversy that has developed in connection with these discoveries, said Professor Elliot Smith, it would be impertinent for one who had not visited the scene of the excavation to enter. But it was free to any onlooker to note that one of the essential difficulties—and perhaps the really crucial problem—in eliminating the element of conflict from both the association of such a strange collection of archæological material and the existence of a script in Neolithic times, was the question of chronology.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

The following games in the Hongkong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off, 4.15 p.m.

Club de Recreio *v.* K.O.S.B.'s, King's Park ground.

Hongkong Police *v.* Hongkong Club, St. Joseph's ground.

South China *v.* H.M.S. *Tamar*, Sookunpoo "A" ground.

China Athletic *v.* R.A., H.K.F.C. ground.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off, 2.45 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves *v.* R.A. Reserves, Kowloon F.C. ground.

Hongkong Club Reserves *v.* South China Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground.

China Athletic "A" *v.* University, Sookunpoo "A" ground.

St. Joseph's *v.* China Athletic "B," St. Joseph's ground.

Club de Recreio *v.* K.O.S.B.'s Reserves, King's Park ground.

Division II. "B."

At 2.45 p.m.

China Athletic "B" *v.* South China, South China ground.

H.K. & S. Bank *v.* Kowloon "B," Sookunpoo "B" ground.

At 4.15 p.m.

St. Joseph's Reserves *v.* Moslem Club, Navy ground.

China Athletic "A" *v.* Boy Scouts, South China ground.

The Club de Recreio will be at home to the K.O.S.B.'s at King's Park to-day and should add to their list of successes.

The K.O.S.B.'s were unfortunate to have Craig, their left winger injured against the R.A. last week. His place will be taken to-day by the Rev. Alexander who has assisted the senior team before.

The Hongkong Club meet the Police on the St. Joseph's ground and it is expected that the Police will make a good fight. With Valentine back again in the Club attack they should keep Wynne & Co. very busy defending. The Club's middle line improves with every match and it must be disheartening to them to see so many chances thrown away by the forwards.

The *Tamar* will be out on the Garrison ground and should take the points from South China. South China did well in their games at Macao last week end and should give a good showing against the sailors at Sookunpoo.

China Athletic will oppose the R.A. on the Hongkong Club ground and should win.

At King's Park the second teams of the K.O.S.B.'s and Club de Recreio also meet and an even tussle is expected. The home team will have the advantage of knowing the ground and this may give them the victory. The Club Reserves will be at full strength against South China on the Club ground and an evenly contested game should be seen.

At Sookunpoo, China Athletic "A" will play the University and although the Students went down badly to the Recreio last week, they will run the China team close to-day. St. Joseph's are in and out. Last week they only just lost to the K.O.S.B.'s at Sookunpoo. They should win to-day against China "B." The R.A. second team travel to Kowloon to meet the Reserves on the Railway ground. Kowloon Reserves are expected to give the Gunners their first defeat of the season.

In the "B" division, the Moslem Club will be out to defeat the College Reserves and a good fight should be seen.

The Bank should take the points from Kowloon "B." China "A" should win against the Boy Scouts and the match between the China "B" and South China should end in a division of points.

Club de Recreio to Play at Macao.

Next week-end, the Club de Recreio, being without a fixture in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League, are making a trip to Macao, and will play the local club. The Recreio will travel to Macao on Saturday and return on Sunday.

GOLF.

LOCAL "INTERNATIONAL" MATCH.

The annual golf match between St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies will be played at Fanling to-morrow. Foursomes will be played in the morning and singles in the afternoon. The teams of both Societies have already been published this week.

LOCAL YACHTING.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

There will be a full yachting programme this week-end, there being sailing races to-day, to-morrow and on Monday.

To-day, the fourth championship race will be decided. The course will be Quarry Bay Mark (p), Channel Rocks (p), Mark on Club Line (s), Channel Rocks (p), Kowloon Rock (p). The distance is 8.33 miles.

To-morrow will be Naval Day at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. After tiffin at the Club house, there will be three races during the afternoon for the different class boats. This event should prove just as enjoyable as previous functions of a similar nature.

On Monday there will the Ladies' Championship race, and the course for this will be—Channel Rocks (p), Kowloon Rock (p), Mark on Club Line (s), Cust Rock Buoy (s), distance 5.5 miles.

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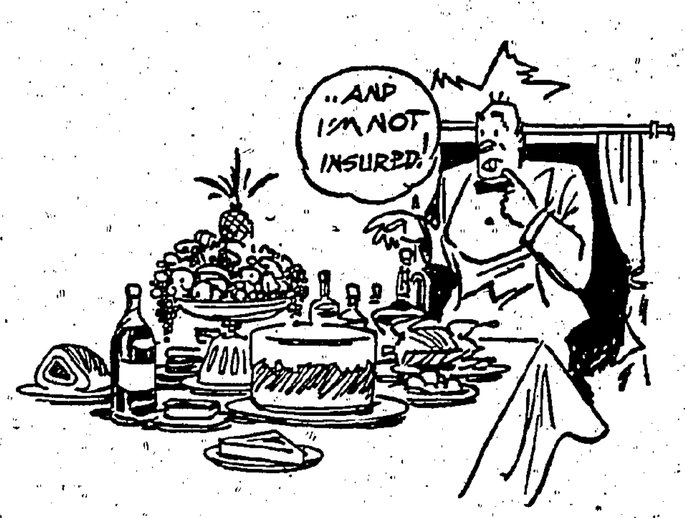
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UNITED SERVICES *v.* SHANGHAI.

EXCITING MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW.

FINE INNINGS BY CAPTAIN BRIDGELAND.

The close of play on Thursday in no way suggested that a close finish was possible, or indeed that any finish other than a win for Shanghai could be expected. The indefatigable Isaacs played another of his cheerful thirties while O'Hara got a score. No one else did anything much and after rather more than an hour's play the Shanghai innings closed for exactly double the total made by the Services. The catching of the latter team was a good deal at fault, and Dobbie was the bowler who came in for most of the bad joss. As it was, 6 for 83 was a very fine performance but he would have had far better figures had all the chances been held.

At about 11.50 Hussey and Armitage went in to face a deficit of 134, and from the start batted much more confidently than anything that had been done in the first innings. Armitage put Isaacs to long leg with a beautiful glide off the first ball and twenty went up on the board, as a result of a fine six, a straight lowish drive from the same player. Then Hussey lashed out at one from Mansel-Smith and skied it between mid-off and cover. O'Hara and Stokes both went for it but the former's name was called and he refused to be worried, taking a very fine catch that many fieldsmen would have put down. With Bridgeland in Armitage continued to play excellent cricket until he mistimed a hook off a loose one from Isaacs and was taken at mid-on. A couple of disasters followed. Cantrell had strained his leg early in the forenoon in catching O'Hara, and never settled down. Morris who followed was using a strange bat. However, he got near enough to his first ball to touch it to Barnes at the wicket—who made no mistake.

Dobbie and Bridgeland then put a brighter complexion on the game and after Dobbie had been bowled by Isaacs, Lightfoot carried on the good work until he was most unfortunately run out. His partner hit the ball back hard, and the ball shot off the bowler's hand on to the wicket. Lightfoot was (very properly) backing up, and was out. Sturgess and Venn played useful knocks and finally got the score to 210, but the chief honours remained with Bridgeland. He played a fine innings and gave no actual chance that I saw, though he has a lot of uppish shots that never seem to go to hand.

This was a very excellent recovery, and I think it probable that it was largely due to the comparative innocuousness of O'Hara and Leach. Both of these bowlers had bowled well nigh twenty overs (or sometimes more) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To-day I think they were dead tired and stale and it shows where the main strength of the attack lies. The Shanghai fielding was very good. However, all this does not detract from the fact that Bridgeland played a jolly good knock and the Services would have been in the cart without him.

Left with an hour and a quarter to get 77 Shanghai might well have got the runs save for a fine bowling performance by Cantrell and Dobbie, and, I hear, rather a tendency after the first half hour to avoid risking the game. To us, on our ground 77 in an hour and a quarter is no phenomenal rate of scoring—in fact on the whole it is regarded as fairly easy meat up to five p.m. Apparently the orders to Leach and Burn were to go slow for the first half hour and put up 20 or so, and then go for it. Leach, however, failed, Burn was out in trying to force the pace and none of the other batsmen tried to force the pace at all. Cantrell and Dobbie were bowling a fine length and Isaacs for once failed to come off. I should have mentioned that the batting order had been changed to speed up—Divecha being removed to No. 9. Disaster fell upon Shanghai when Dr. Morris was run out when Barrett called him for one of his favourite short runs. In the end Shanghai very nearly lost. Had Dobbie not gone for a difficult catch and bowled from Barrett, the ball would have gone easily to Col. Cantrell at mid-off and the Services might have won. It is, however, very hard to judge these things when half off one's balance after delivering the ball.

About five, the dusk began to fall and the umpires decided that the light was not good enough—and the match was drawn. With Barrett in Shanghai would probably have won as Divecha is very sure.

The match goes to show that Shanghai depend a tremendous amount upon Barrett and Leach for their batting and upon O'Hara and Leach for their bowling. Isaacs is dangerous at times but not in the same class with the Doctor. For the services Dobbie was, I think, *facile princeps*. He is the most useful recruit Hongkong cricket has had since Capt. Havelock-Davies came. Bridgeland, Armitage and Lightfoot also were very useful while the Colonel found his old form in the last innings. Venn is a new wicket-keeper and a good one, though he did let rather a lot of byes yesterday morning.

To-day Shanghai play Kowloon at Kowloon starting at 10.30. I have not the full Kowloon team but one will watch Mitchell's form against them with much interest—also Teddy Fincher's. As far as I know besides these cricketers J. C. Lyal (captain), E. F. Fincher, Goodwin, Ramsey and Jex are playing. I believe Captain Morris will turn out again but whether Brace will play or not I don't know—as I hear he is ill. Rotten luck if so. The side is pretty weak in bowling so far and I suppose the other two will be trundlers but I regret I have no definite information. The game should be bright and full of interest.

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Capt. C. A. Bridgeland, c Morris, b Isaacs	10
Capt. Er W. Morris, c and b O'Hara	12
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, c Burn, b O'Hara	28
Lieut. Sturgess, c Stokes, b O'Hara	10
Rev. Venn, b Leach	0
Capt. A. N. Evers, c Morris, b O'Hara	2
Major L. J. Lightfoot, not out	18
Lieut. Sillitoe, R.M., l.b.w., b O'Hara	1
Lieut.-Col. Cantrell, R.M., b Mansel-Smith	24
Byes 1, leg-byes, wides 4	6
Total	134

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. A. Isaacs	12	2	27	2
W. Mansel-Smith	7.2	0	29	1
Dr. W. E. O'Hara	23	9	46	6
*D. W. Leach	16	7	23	1
M. J. Divecha	2	1	3	0

*—Bowled 4 wides.

1ST INNINGS OF SHANGHAI.

D. W. Leach, b Dobbie	12
M. J. Divecha, run out	28
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, run out	133
Dr. H. H. Morris, b Lightfoot	0
W. Mansel-Smith, st. Venn, b Dobbie	2
D. C. Burn, run out	11
L. J. Stokes, l.b.w., b Dobbie	0
Dr. D. E. O'Hara, c Cantrell, b Dobbie	20
P. Madar, l.b.w., b Dobbie	5
J. A. Isaacs, b Doddie	23
E. G. Barnes, not out	0
Byes 18, wides 6	24
Total	268

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
*Lt.-Col. Cantrell	22	5	72	0
Capt. Dobbie	27.2	6	83	6
Lt. Sturgess	3	0	12	0
†Lt. Sillitoe, R.M.	5	2	27	0
§Major Lightfoot	7	0	25	1
Capt. Evers	8	3	25	0

*—Bowled 1 wide.
†—Bowled 3 wides.
§—Bowled 2 wides.

2ND INNINGS OF UNITED SERVICES.

Lieut.-Comdr Armitage, R.N., c Barrett, b Isaacs	29
Pay.-Lt. Hussey, R.N., c O'Hara, b Mansel-Smith	5
Capt. C. A. Bridgeland, c Barrett, b Divecha	90
Lieut.-Col. Cantrell, R.M., b Isaacs	2
Capt. E. W. Morris, c Barnes, b Isaacs	0
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, b Isaacs	26
Major L. J. Lightfoot, run out	21
Lieut. Sturges, R.N., not out	13
Capt. A. N. Evers, c Morris, b Mansel-Smith	1
Rev. Venn, R.N., l.b.w., b Isaacs	14
Lieut. Sillitoe, R.M., b Mansel-Smith	5
Leg byes	4
Total	210

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. A. Isaacs	16	2	52	5
W. Mansel-Smith	17.4	2	56	3
W. E. O'Hara	13	4	37	0
D. W. Leach	11	3	31	0
M. J. Divecha	4	0	30	1

2ND INNINGS OF SHANGHAI.

D. C. Burn, c Venn, b Cantrell	12
D. W. Leach, b Cantrell	0
Dr. H. H. Morris, run out	16
W. Mansel-Smith, c Venn, b Dobbie	1
J. A. Isaacs, b Cantrell	2
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, not out	8
Dr. W. E. O'Harn, b Dobbie	4
L. J. Stokes, c Venn, b Dobbie	0
M. J. Divecha, not out	0
Leg-bye 1	1
Total (for 7 wickets)	44

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt.-Col. Cantrell	13	4	24	3
Capt. Dobbie	13	6	18	3
Capt. Evers	1	0	1	0

A JOVIAL GATHERING.

INTERPORT CRICKETERS' SMOKING CONCERT.

A smoking concert was held at the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion last night and was attended by the Interport cricketers, *en-bloc*. Several ladies were present. The pavilion was tastefully decorated with Union Jacks and other national flags.

Musical items were given by Mr. H. E. Gardner, Mr. Green, Mr. Jeffreys, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Mr. W. Johnstone, and trios by Messrs. Potts, Charles and Randall, and Messrs. Madar, Leach and Barnes (Shanghai).

The Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was also in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings with several well-rendered pieces. The concert began at 9.30 p.m. and concluded at 11.30 p.m. The arrangements were under the capable management of Mr. George Grimble.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following is the list of matches for to-day:—

Shanghai *v.* Kowloon Cricket Club.

This whole-day match, will take place at the Kowloon Cricket Club, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

League: Divisich I.

Civil Service *v.* Royal Artillery.
Chinese R.C. *v.* Hongkong C.C.
University *v.* Royal Engineers.

Division II.

Hongkong C.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.

Friendly Matches.

Recreio 2nd XI. *v.* China Light and Power Co., Ltd.
Craigengower C.C. *v.* Police R.C.

To-morrow's Match.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI. *v.* Hongkong Electric Co.

The Interport Match being over, interest will henceforth be centred on the League. To-day there are four matches to be played.

Of the three in the first division, the one between Civil Service and Royal Artillery should be the most interesting. Three weeks ago these teams met in a friendly match, which resulted in a draw in favour of the Artillery. The Hongkong Cricket Club is not fielding its best team against the Chinese, but should win nevertheless, while the University will find the Royal Engineers a hard lot to contend with.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI. *v.* Royal Artilltery.

In the League Match C.S.C.C. (1st XI.) *v.* Royal Artillery, which takes place at 2 p.m. to-day on the Civil Service ground, the following will represent the Club:—B. D. Evans (captain), F. J. de Rome, A. E. Wood, G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, H. E. Strange, F. Baker, F. J. Ling, R. G. Robertson, G. R. Forster, and T. D. E. Pendered.

H.K.C.C. *v.* Chinese Recreation Club.

For the match between the H.K.C.C. 1st XI. and the Chinese Recreation Club, which takes place to-day at 2 p.m. on the C.R.C. ground, the following have been chosen to represent the H.K.C.C.:—J. D. Humphreys (captain), A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collis, W. B. Cornaby, Capt. Evers, J. N. Owen, H. V. Parker, D. B. Peat, F. Syme Thomson, O. Skinner and G. R. Vallack. The 'bus leaves the Hongkong Cricket Club at 1.45 p.m.

EASTERN PORTS HEALTH BULLETIN.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending November 19th, states:—

PLAGUE.

2 cases at Mauritius.
10 cases at Tourane.

CHOLERA.

19 cases at Calcutta.
3 cases at Singapore.
22 cases at Haiphong.
1 case at Saigon.
2 cases at Bangkok.

SMALL-POX.

4 cases at Bombay.
2 cases at Calcutta.
3 cases at Madras.
6 cases at Singapore.
1 case at Sourabaya.
2 cases at Bangkok.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.45, stated:—

The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly. Fresh strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over North China Sea.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Jockey Club Meeting.

At the above meeting on Thursday the Stewards of the Jockey Club were elected *en bloc*. The dates previously fixed for the annual race meeting were the subject of some discussion and it transpired that the officials are having a very trying time owing to the difficulty in getting ponies from the North. Members are to be congratulated upon the fact that Mr. R. J. Paterson has consented to continue to serve their interests as Clerk of the Course.

Fanling Hunt.

The Meet on Sunday morning will be at Sheungshui Police Station at 8 o'clock under M.F.H. Birkett. It is not advisable to fix a later hour until the sun becomes less powerful during the day.

KWANTI STEEPLECHASE.

The next Kwanti Steeplechase Meeting will be on Saturday, December 18th, and the programme is as follows:—

1.—3.15 p.m.—Maiden Plate: 1½ Miles.

For China ponies that have started at Kwanti Steeplechases and not won. Catch weight 160 lbs. Unplaced starters at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs. Winner Cup, 2nd $25, 3rd $10. Entrance fee $5.

2.—Open Handicap Steeplechase: 1½ Miles.

For China ponies. Winner Cup, 2nd $25, 3rd $10. Entrance fee $5.

3.—Xmas Steeplechase: 2 Miles.

For China ponies the *bonâ fide* property of subscribers to the Fanling Hunt. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of 2 Steeplechases 7 lbs., 3 or more 12 lbs. penalty. Winner Cup, 2nd $25, 3rd $10. Entrance fee $5.

4.—The Owners Steeplechase: 1½ Miles.

For China ponies. To be ridden by the *bonâ fide* owner. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of 2 or more races 12 lbs. penalty. Winner Cup, 2nd $25, 3rd $10. Entrance fee $5.

5.—United Services Race: 1½ Miles.

Open to Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. For China ponies. Catch weight 155 lbs. Winner of one Steeplechase 7 lbs. penalty. Unplaced starters at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs. Winner Cup, 2nd $25, 3rd $10. Entrance fee $5.

The Course is in a fine state and the interests of the public will be well looked after by those in charge of the arrangements.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICES.

Particulars were given yesterday of the unveiling of the memorial to the late Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, and references were also made to the special music which will be given at the Evening service at the Church.

At this service, following the opening hymn and the evening prayer, Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.I. (the Organist at St. Andrews') will play "Prelude and Fugue in A" (Bach) and Henselt's "Ave Maria." The choir will render the anthems "The Lord is my strength and my shield, "The Lord is my sheperd," and "So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, we give Thee thanks, thanks for ever." Other contributions by Mr. Ealdwin will be Katelbey's "In A Monastery Garden" and Silas's March in D Flat. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. N. B. Halvard, M.A. (Diocesan Chaplain); and at the morning service, the Bishop of Victoria will preach.

Hongkong Weekly Press.

The two outstanding event of the week have been the piracy on the *Sunning* and the Interport cricket match.

Full reports of each appear in the *HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS*, published to-day.

Questions asked in the House of Commons and the wireless messages sent out from the Rugby Station show that great public interest has been taken at Home in the latest pirates' outrage in these waters.

The *WEEKLY* gives the details and describes the courageous way in which the Officers recaptured the vessel. The story is one well worth preserving and it deserves the widest possible circulation. Residents in England with not appreciate the resource and daring displayed by these officers as it should be appreciated if their only source of information is the short cabled report. Therefore send them the Weekly.

Every former resident of the Colony will naturally be interested in the Interport.

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SITUATION IN CANTON.

STILL SIGNS OF LABOUR TROUBLE.

SEARCHING THE SHOPS FOR BRITISH GOODS.

THE CRUSHING BURDEN OF TAXATION.

A Shameen correspondent writes: "It is said that the boycott is over, but, although I would not deny that statement, I think it should be qualified to some extent. The general boycott, as we know it a month or more ago, seems to be a thing of the past, but there are many signs of labour trouble, and there is still a boycott of the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's vessels. Your Chinese correspondent was quite correct in reporting that there have been disputes among the cargo coolies. The moderates won the day but a recalcitrant minority can still make their voices heard and with the heads of the Canton Government away it is very unlikely that any steps will be taken to keep them under control. A determined minority can create a considerable amount of trouble.

"Three days ago I saw in the City a group of young men in uniform, one of whom carried a Chinese flag with a number of Chinese characters upon it. This man planted the flag in front of a shop and then the officer in charge pompously entered and demanded to be shown the books of the business. I asked a Chinese what all the fuss was about and he informed me that the men were taking stock of the British goods. This, I suppose, therefore was part of the Committee with the very long name —the Committee for the Severance of Economic Relations with the Imperialists. This Committee may not be regarded very seriously but th t it is in existence and is able to flaunt a flag and to demand the production of account books from private shop-keepers is symptomatic of business conditions here.

"Merchants are being 'bled white' and *likin* in many and varied forms is being collected. Strikers are still occupying Foreign owned properties in spite of the assurance of the Foreign Office that they would be moved out."

THE RIVER TRAFFIC.

STEAMER DELAYED BY HEAVY CARGO.

"TUNG ON" AGROUND FOR AN HOUR.

It is true, as the Shameen correspondent points out above, that a boycott is being directed particularly against the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's vessels, but other ships are getting a fair amount of cargo now.

The *Tung On* indeed was so heavily loaded on her return from Canton yesterday afternoon that she had trouble in crossing the Bar and was delayed for over an hour. The *Yuet On*, a new boat which made her first trip to Canton on Wednesday came down yesterday with a few tons. The *Fatshan* brought about a hundred passengers and a larger quantity of produce than usual, but little general freight.

THE TROUBLE AT THE ARSENAL.

MEN'S DEMANDS COMPLIED WITH.

AUTHORITIES GIVE WAY BEFORE THREAT OF GENERAL STRIKE.

The authorities have complied with the demands of the dismissed workmen at the Kwangtung Arsenal and have agreed to re-employ them all at the earliest possible date. It is difficult to see how any reform in the administration of the Arsenal can be effected.

To fully appreciate the situation, it may be recalled that in the latter part of October the Kuomintang Headquarters in Canton approved the temporary suspension of operations at the Arsenal owing to the inefficiency of the workmen and the high cost of production. It was then stated that the minimum output of the arms section should be 40 rifles daily at a cost of $3,000 including materials and wages. For some time, however, the output had been less than 15 rifles.

Upon receiving notice to suspend work the Arsenal section of the Mechanics' Union, comprising about 2,000 men, appealed to the Mechanics' Unions throughout Kwangtung for support and finally it was decided to threaten a general strike unless the dismissed men were re-employed.

The Mechanics' Union in Canton alone includes all workmen on the railways, and the water and light plants, in addition to many in the machine shops of the City. The Kuomintang could not afford to allow these men to strike and agreed to the demands.

STRIKE OF SANITARY COOLIES.

THE PAY OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Unfavourable weather conditions during the early season of the silk crop in Canton and vicinity together with difficulties connected with the boycott have been responsible for a shortage of Canton silk export this year. So far only some 29,894 piculs have been shipped, bringing in a return of H.K. Tls. 22,642,500.

Many small lunch rooms in Canton catering to the coolie class have been forced to suspend business for the time being owing to demands for higher wages from the employees not being complied with. Many coolies are now having a hard time in Canton.

Hongkong Chinese strikers, who went up to Canton in June, 1925, when they were given free lodging in houses then vacant, are now being asked to vacate their temporary homes or pay the usual rentals. Now the Strike Committee is to wind up its affairs, it is thought time that those who have enjoyed the hospitality of the property-owners for so long should look round for other lodgings.

Sanitary coolies hape been on strike for the past two days and it is becoming a serious matter as very essential health services are being neglected.

The Canton Normal School for Girls, one of the public institutions of the Southern Capital, may have to be closed at the end of the present session, because of lack of money. Miss Liao Ping Yun, the headmistress, is asking the Kuomintang to pay the arrears of the teachers' salaries for the last eleven months. Many of the teachers have already resigned as they cannot live on a salary, already meagre, of which more than 60 per cent. is payable in bonds which no one will accept unless at 85 to 90 per cent. discount.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.'S DEPOSITS.

HONGKONG AND CANTON PRACTICE.

A Canton correspondent: I see that one of the vernacular papers is complaining that the Hongkong Electric Company are calling for cash deposits from customers. This paper surely cannot be aware of the regulations of the Kwangtung Electric Supply Company, Ltd., as this latter company insists upon a cash deposit calculated on the total number of lamp holders, fans and plug bases installed. Under such an arrangement it is quite possible that a sum may have to be deposited which would cover not one month's consumption of current but three or four months.

The line taken by the vernacular paper, therefore, seems a little out of place. But, perhaps, it turns a blind eye to what happens in the City of Rams.

MOTOR-CYCLE CRASH.

MR. L. DANENBERG INJURED.

Mr. L. Danenberg, of the China Light & Power Company, had an accident whilst riding a motor-cycle in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Thursday night, and received injuries which necessitated his admittance to the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. Danenberg was riding a Harley-Davidson motor-cycle along Nathan Road, and when within a few yards of the junction of Waterloo Road, swerved and applied his brakes in order to avoid knocking down a Chinese girl crossing the road. The machine skidded and crashed into a stone wall, Mr. Danenberg being thrown about six yards.

He was conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital. On enquiry yesterday, it was learnt that his injuries were not serious, and that he was progressing favourably. The machine was not very much damaged.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

ARRESTED MEN NOT YET CHARGED.

POLICE COURT IDENTIFICATION PARADES.

The case against the alleged *Sunning* pirates was not opened at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the whole day being taken up with a continuation of the identification parades.

One man, who was thought to be a passenger, has been identified as one of the pirate leaders.

The identification parades are likely to be continued for several days.

Wounded Pirate's Critical State.

Of the five wounded pirates who are in hospital, four are progressing favourably. The other is in a critical state and it is doubtful whether he will recover.

No news has been received concerning Mr. Lapsley.

The *Sunning* which has been lying at anchor off Taikoo has now been taken to the dock.

THE WOUNDED ENGINEER.

Mr. G. Cormack, Chief engineer of the s.s. *Sunning*, who was wounded during the fight with the pirates, is progressing very favourably at the Government Civil Hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The defence of the s.s. *Sunning* surely deserves some public recognition. If such action as that of the officers of the *Sunning* were the rule and not the exception, piracy would not pay and would soon cease. But those who take such action and "resist to the uttermost" incur great risk and should surely receive some recognition for the risk they incur. With this in view I have forwarded a cheque for $50.00 to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire to start a fund which they may distribute as they think fit among those who so ably defended the ship entrusted to their charge.—Yours faithfully,

A.B.

Hongkong, November 19th, 1926.

ANTI-PIRACY MEASURES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—"Observer" has forgotten to advise the Government and the Naval Authorities to keep a Naval vessel with seaplanes on regular patrol at Bias Bay, or near about, to intercept the pirates bringing in any merchant ships that they may take there. I think such a measure would help in keeping the pirates in check.—Yours, etc.,

ADVISER.

REFLECTIONS ON THE INTERPORT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—While agreeing with your correspondent's cricket remarks I am at a loss to understand his attack on baseball. The only conclusion I can come to is that R. Abbit has never been fortunate enough to witness a good game of baseball. As a visitor to Hongkong I do not know the standard of the game here but I am afraid remarks like "If a man wants to play baseball he can pack up his cricket bag" will do the game much harm, besides putting cricketers off the best possible fielding practice they so much need. Bowker's fielding in the Interport was typical of a baseballer's. I don't know whether R. Abbit is aware of the fact that the majority of Australia's leading cricketers pass the winter months with this excellent game. Alan Kipax (the prettiest bat in Australia), W. A. Ponsford, T. J. Andrews, V. Ransford, J. Ryder, M. A. Noble and Austin Diamond are a few, who come to my mind, who hape represented their respective states at baseball, while seventy-five per cent. of the first grade cricketers are regular players.—Yours, etc.,

F. FULTON.

AN EIGHT-FOOT SNAKE.

KILLED AT TAI PO ROAD.

A snake about 8 feet long, believed to be of a poisonous species, was killed by Sgt. Raich, with a stick, at Taipoo Road on Thursday afternoon.

The snake was later given to a lukong, who, it was said, will use it to make certain brands of Chinese "medicine."

TYPHOON VICTIMS.

ACCIDENT BEYOND HUMAN CONTROL.

JURY'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTION.

"We recommend that in future special protection should be afforded at all places where telephone and electric light wires cross. We also suggest that the China Light and Power Co. should carry out a reliable inspection of their lines from time to time, and keep them in a way that gives proper protection to the public." This was the recommendation of the jury, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, sitting as Coroner, concluded the enquiry into the deaths of a young Chinese girl, aged 7, electrocuted by contact with a telephone wire that fell and came in contact with a China Light and Power Co. main in Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on September 17th, when the typhoon was blowing at its height.

Mr. M. H. Turner watched the case on behalf of the China Light and Power Co., and Mr. D. J. Lewis appeared on behalf of the Hongkong Telephone Co.

Mr. C. Strafford, Assistant Manager of the China Light and Power Co., said that during the six years of his service with the Company, he had never heard of a similar accident. For the past two years, his Company has been at work on the installation of underground mains. This scheme was for the protection of the public and the Company was not compelled by statute to do this. In the district where the fatality took place, work on the underground cable scheme had already been commenced prior to the typhoon.

"I agree that the current which made the telephone wires dangerous and by which the deceased persons were electrocuted, was obtained from our mains," said witness.

Mr. Strafford also stated that the overhead mains would be a source of danger in a typhoon, if other wires came into contact with them, but in normal conditions, the cables were perfectly safe. Witness said that this unforeseen contingency did not occur to them until the accident took place.

Mr. Lewis: Do you know that Government telephone wires cross your mains in many places?—Yes, I do.

Mr. Lewis: Neither the Government nor your Company have fixed any guard cradles where these wires crossed?—Yes, that is so.

In answer to the Court, witness said he knew of the regulations which required a guard wire on mains of 110 volts and certain other precautions, but his Company had not carried out this Ordinance in its entirety. Some precautions, continued witness, had been taken where the overhead cables were of high-tension. The only precaution on low-tension cables was the insulation of the wire.

His Worship said that it would help the Court and the jury if Mr. Lewis and Mr. Turner would address the Court, before he summed-up. Both Companies concerned were public utility company, and the services they maintained were of interest to the public.

Mr. Turner, who spoke at some length, said that the accident could not have been foreseen, and that was the first time an accident of that nature had occurred. A guard cradle would not have been of any use in a typhoon, for the telephone wires could have fallen on any part of the main. The Company was not compelled by law to have efficient insulations. The only part that had to be insulated was within seven feet of the wall. "This Company is laying underground cables, but this will take time and money. They are not doing this because it is obligatory, but only to secure the safety of the public."

Mr. Lewis having addressed the jury, the Coroner said that the cause of death would present no difficulty, and the current in contact with the telephone wires, had been frankly admitted by Mr. Strafford to have been obtained from the mains. "The Ordinance referring to the Power Co. is before you, and Mr. Strafford has admitted that his Company has not fulfilled its obligations in its entirety. That such an accident has never occurred before, is a point for you to consider," said the Coroner. Nobody in Kowloon seemed to have carried out the regulations, concerning guard cradles, not even the Government.

The jury, who retired for fifteen minutes, returned a verdict that the deceased persons met their death through electrocution caused by touching the wires of the Hongkong Telephone Co., and those wires were in a dangerous condition through coming into contact with the cables of the Power.

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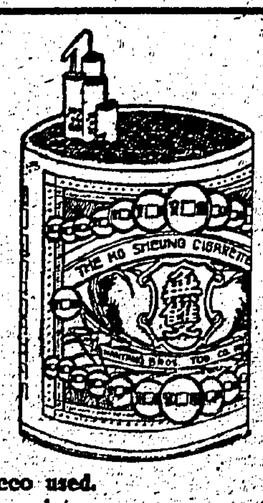
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LORD OXFORD AND THE LIBERAL PARTY.

LORD OXFORD AND ASQUITH'S retirement from the leadership of the Liberal Party has called forth an amazing number of tributes to him in all sections of the Press in Great Britain. We are unable to discover any discordant note in the chorus of praise. It is one of the characteristics of English public life that when men who have attained to eminence in Parliament retire from the arena even those who were opposed to them in politics gladly pay them homage as distinguished servants of King and country. Lord OXFORD has played a greater part in the affairs of Britain and the Empire than any other living man with the exception of Lord BALFOUR. He is the only surviving link with the days of Gladstonian Liberalism. In the midst of the unhappy squabbles from which the Liberal Party has suffered since the war he endeavoured to keep alive the best traditions of the past in the hope that, inspired by them, the shattered forces of Liberalism might once more rally and take their place in the life of the nation. He is in his 75th year, and he found the leadership under existing conditions too much for him. Not that Lord OXFORD is too old, or that his strength has failed. But he felt himself unable to hold the leadership owing to the attitude taken up by Mr. LLOYD GEORGE in connection with the General Strike, and the subsequent squabbles between the different sections of the party.

When the General Strike was declared Lord OXFORD saw his duty clear as noonday. Like a patriotic Englishman he immediately ranged himself on the side of the Government, and issued a clarion call to the country to defeat the revolutionary movement by supporting the forces of law and order. In such a crisis a party leader was entitled to expect the support of the principal members of his party. But as Lord OXFORD stated in his letter announcing his resignation, "It was with as much distress as surprise that I found that my public declarations were met with a challenge from a quarter which it was impossible for me to disregard, coupled with a refusal at a time of national crisis to meet me in council." The "quarter," of course, was Mr. LLOYD GEORGE, who had written an article for the American Press depicting the situation in England in unmistakably defeatist terms. He attempted to support this attitude by criticising the official standpoint of the Liberal Party, by attacking the statements made by Lord OXFORD and Viscount GREY in the *British Gazette*, and finally by refusing to attend a meeting called by Lord OXFORD to consider the situation. Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has since remained unrepentant, and has sought by means of his land policy—which is held by many Liberals to be camouflaged Socialism—to form a party calling itself Liberal and acknowledging no allegiance but his own. Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has also retained control of the party funds. Thus an intolerable state of things was created, and the course taken by Lord OXFORD was inevitable.

What the ultimate outcome will be is very difficult to prophesy. The disappearance of Lord OXFORD from the leadership will not heal the breach in the ranks of the Liberal Party, which has been shaken to its foundations by his retirement. The party, indeed, will become more than ever the prey of sectional controversies. Personal jealousies and rival ambitions will have fuller scope; and they will be intensified by that confusion of principles and ideas which brought on the crisis. Liberals will have to make up their minds under which king, or rather which flag, they desire to serve. They will consider whether they will be with Lord GREY of Falloden, Sir JOHN SIMON, Mr. RUNCIMAN and other prominent Liberals who cling to the traditional principles of Liberalism, or whether they will follow uneasily in the steps of Mr. LLOYD GEORGE until that nimble politician nails the Socialist colours to the masthead, as some of his critics are convinced will happen sooner or later.

Lord OXFORD has left as a legacy to the younger generation the inspiring example of his public career. It is freely said in England, by commentators on his retirement, that neither in power nor in opposition has he ever done a mean thing or said a mean word. In all his speeches there has been an almost incomparable dignity of language. In all his actions there has been a self-restraint, a moderation, a reference to high motive which have given him a loftiness even when he was compelled to face intriguers and mischief makers. Perhaps the finest contribution of Lord OXFORD to political history in the eyes of the new generation will be the dignity of character in all his political action, the dignity of culture in all his speech. There was a time when he was regarded as too cold and reserved ever to win the personal regard of his followers. "Max," in one his cartoons, expressed the ordinary view by a caricature of Mr. ASQUITH trying to acquire personal magnetism by mechanical processes. Yet for many years he has enjoyed the affection not only of Liberals but of the House of Commons. Although he has withdrawn from the leadership of the Liberal Party he does not contemplate retirement from public life, and the hope is widely expressed that in the years ahead he will continue to be of service to the State.

This evening will see the concluding performance of the A.D.C. "Dramatic Medley" at the Theatre Royal. As already stated, it will be attended by the Interport Cricketers.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese woman was fined $5 for hawking honey without a licence.

One British case of diphtheria, and one British case and two Chinese cases of enteric fever were notified on Thursday.

The usual monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce is to be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2.30.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was fined $10 with the alternative of 7 days' hard labour for resisting arrest.

The next meeting of the committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Poppy day in Singapore resulted in the collection of about $16,000, including $4,000 which had been received before Poppy Day began. Last year the collection was $22,000.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William Wai Lam Ma, merchant, of No. 3, Kennedy Road, to Miss Ruby Hon Yan, student, residing at Kan Koo Terrance, Wanchai.

There will be a public lecture at the Helena May Institute on Monday, November 22nd, at 5.30 p.m., given by Mr. D. O. da Silva. Subject: "Japan." Admission free.—ADVT.

A Chinese employed by the *Wah Tze Fat Po* was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for stealing a bar of type metal from his employers.

Owing to indisposition, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the First Police Magistrate, was unable to attend the Central Magistracy yesterday, and Major C. Willson, the Second Magistrate, dealt with the cases.

The annual swimming sports of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, unavoidably postponed from last Sunday, are to be held to-morrow morning, beginning at eleven o'clock, at King's College, Bonham Road.

Mr. Donald Leach, the well-known Shanghai cricketer, was recently married, and at the Interport Dinner on Thursday night, Mr. R. H. B. Hancock made a presentation to Mr. Leach, on behalf of his many cricketing friends in Hongkong.

The Infantry Company take their turn at camping out at Fanling this week-end. While they are under canvas, the usual manœuvres will be carried out. In a fortnight's time the Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will attend camp.

The annual Church parade of the Scottish Company, of the Hongkong Defence Corps, takes place at the Union Church on Sunday. Mr. R. M. Dyer (the Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society) will be present. The service will be conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.

H.M.S. *Hermes* is once more back at her moorings off Wanchai, and yesterday morning there was a very fine display of flying carried out by some of her planes over the harbour. It was particularly interesting to watch the aircraft taking off from and alighting on the water close to the parent ship.

A report was made to the police yesterday that an employee of a Chinese shop at Jervois Street, which does business in cotton goods, etc., was alleged to have absconded with $12,000 belonging to the firm. It is alleged that he took it from a drawer. The police are investigating the case.

Three dances will be held in the Colony to-night. At the Craigengower Cricket Club there will be the usual bi-monthly "hop"; a similar function will take place at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon; and at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, there will be another of the popular Saturday night dinner dances.

Madame Elizabeth Kasterine, formerly manager of Au Chic Parisienne, 39A, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, obtained a judgment for $1,500 with interest at 7 per cent. from March 25th, 1925, together with costs to cover insurance of goods and other expenses in an action against Madame Marie Flint, owner of the shop, before Judge Peter Grain in H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on November 12th.

Residents are reminded that the Christmas and New Year letter mail for Home will be despatched to-morrow by the s.s. *Katori Maru*. The official time for closing this mail at the G.P.O. was fixed for 5 p.m. to-day, but as the *Katori Maru* will be late in arriving, and will not sail until Sunday, this time has been extended until 9 a.m. to-morrow. However, the Post-Office advise early posting to avoid congestion. The mail is due at Marseilles on December 21st.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Sweden, of whom mention has previously been made, will arrive in the Colony during the week-end on the N.Y.K. s.s. *Katori Maru, en route* to Europe. The Royal visitors are travelling *incognito* on the liner as the Duke and Duchess of Scania. The visit will be brief and unofficial, as the *Katori Maru* sails at 5 p.m. to-morrow. No special arrangements have been made for the Royal couple's reception here.

The local Sikh Community yesterday celebrated the birthday of their prophet, Sri Guroo Nanak Dav Ji, at the Sikh Temple at Happy Valley. There was a religious service in the afternoon, and throughout the day, refreshments were served to all who attended.

The "Ragman," a delightful picture in which Jackie Coogan's takes the leading role will be shown for the last time to-night. This film depicts an orphan boy's adventures. There are many touching incidents, and contrasting with these is plenty of excellent humour. From to-morrow to Wednesday, "the Merry Widow," with Mae Murray in the leading role will be shown.

A successful dance was held at the King Edward's Hotel last night by the ship's company of H.M.S. *Hermes*. The "Semreh" band provided the music. The dining room and lounge of the Hotel were converted into a big ball-room, and the floor was all that could be desired. The room presented a very gay scene, the walls and ceiling being decorated with national flags. This was the second successful dance held by the *Hermes* since her arrival; the first one taking place about a fortnight ago.

TROUBLE ON THE S.S. "HONG PENG."

FIFTEEN PEOPLE WOUNDED.

PASSENGER RUNS AMOK.

Although the rumour current in the Colony on Thursday that the s.s. *Hongpeng* had been pirated while on the way from Singapore to Hongkong, is untrue, the messages received show that trouble of a more or less serious nature has occurred on board. The *Hongpeng* is due to reach Hongkong to-morrow morning.

Yesterday Mr. Ko Leong Hoe of the Ho Hong Bank, Queens Road Central, received a wireless message which stated that the vessel had not been pirated, but that one man had ran amok and had wounded fifteen others. Whether these are deck passengers or include members of the crew is not known, but apparently none have been injured very seriously as it is mentioned that all are now progressing favourably.

The message also states that three men are known to have been examining the wireless room at 2 o'clock on the morning following the departure of the *Hongpeng* from Singapore and adds "passengers very nervous. Reporting daily Singapore."

The *Hongpeng* frequently calls at Hongkong. She is owned by the Ho Hong Steamship Company, of Singapore, for whom the Seng Soon Hong of 14, Bonham Strand are the local agents. The *Hongpeng* left Singapore on Tuesday with a large number of passengers and a fair cargo. She was formerly the *Bloemfontien*, sailing under the Dutch flag. The ship is of 3,550 tons and the most recent addition to the Ho Hong fleet.

There are seven British Officers on board and the usual native crew. Captain D. N. Hood is the master.

The first message received on Thursday put the casualties at twenty, but as will be seen by the later message referred to this number has been reduced to fifteen. It would appear that the trouble in the *Hongpeng* is somewhat similar to that which occurred on the s.s. *Talamba* some weeks ago.

THE H.K. W.G. AND M.C.L.

TO-DAY'S FETE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

In aid of a very worthy cause another annual fete on behalf of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League will be held to-day.

The venue of this event which, given fine weather, (as it promises to be at present) is the grounds of Government House, which have kindly been lent for the occasion by H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi. Lady Clementi will declare the fete open at 2 p.m. prompt.

The varied and numerous side-shows and many attractions should certainly draw a large attendance; while the cause for which the function is being held should prove an additional incentive.

One of the features of the fête will be the presentation of a Pastoral Play from 3 p.m. to 4.20 p.m. This Play has been produced by Mrs. Chater, and the dances have been exceedingly well arranged by Miss Violet Capell, whose talent in this direction is too well known to require anything further to be said.

There will be many attractive stalls, particulars of which have appeared in our advertisement columns; while, in addition, the numerous amusements and games include guessing competitions; fortune telling (of a highly most mysterious nature) a gold fish pond; roll bowl or pitch; clock golf; aerial railway; naval chute; see-saw and swings; bran pies; raffles, etc.

Admission to the grounds for the fête will be fifty cents for adults and children; admission free to M.C.L. children, members, sailors and soldiers in uniform, scout and guide helpers.

For the Pastoral Play admission will be—adults, $2.00; children, $1.00.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

STEPS TO CHECK SOUTHERN ADVANCE.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, November 19th.

The results of the conference of the Fengtienites at Tientsin are now becoming apparent though no official statement has yet been issued. The Fengtienites undoubtedly consider the advance of the Kuominchun through the Shensi distinct a menace, and it was decided that they must attempt to overthrow the Kuominchun immediately. It is understood that Wu Pei Fu and the Shansi Tupan Yen Hsi Shan will concur in this.

Wu Pei Fu has already despatched reinforcements to assist to Lou Chen Hua who was forced to abandon the siege of Sianfu and fall back to the Shensi-Honan border, and it is believed that Wu Pei Fu will place himself at the head of these reinforcements.

Yen Hsi Shan has agreed to participate by repelling any of the Kuominchun forces entering Shansi, while the Fengtien Generals Kai Wei Yu, the Tutung of Chahar, Tang Yu Lin, the Tutung of Jehol, and Yu Chen, Commandant of the Tenth Army, have been instructed to prosecute a vigorous campaign against the Kuominchun. A further brigade of Fengtienites has also been despatched to Kalgan to participate therein.

Meanwhile Chang Tsung is despatching the 3rd, 6th and 11th armies, the 35th Division and an armoured car section to the South to "reinforce" Sun Chuan Fang. How far these troops go and whether they will willingly return if once they occupy Kiangsi and Anhui is considered problematical.

It appears from the foregoing decisions that the proposed drive to Hankow has been given up at least temporarily, and it is not likely to be undertaken unless the Kuominchun forces in the North-West are severely defeated.

Ataman Semenoff in Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, November 19th.

It is reported that during recent discussions between Marshal Chang Tso Lin and General Chang Tsung Chang the latter stated that he would come South only if Marshal Sun Chuan Fang surrendered him the provinces of Kiangsu and Anhui.

It is now stated that Fengtien troops are being despatched to Anking, as mentioned yesterday, which is most likely to be used as the base of attack against the Southerners.

Marshal Sun Chuan Fang has not announced his attitude as regards the despatch of Fengtien troops to his province. He is still making preparations to attack Kiukiang.

Ataman Semenoff, the well-known White Russian leader, has arrived in Shanghai and is stated to be endeavouring to obtain a commission to recruit a detachment of Russians for Sun Chuan Fang's Army.

"BAD TIMES AHEAD."

SIR RONALD MACLEAY ON CHINESE PROBLEMS.

PEKING, November 19th.

In a speech at the Anglo-American Association tiffin, at which he was the guest of honour in view of his approaching departure, Sir Ronald Macleay, in a momentary reference to current problems in China, was of the opinion that there are bad times ahead. He urged Anglo-Americans, in facing the surging wave of Chinese nationalism, to remember that their common interest is to stand shoulder to shoulder.

The American Minister, Mr. MacMurray in bidding farewell on behalf of the gathering, hoped that in his new post, Sir Ronald would have success and the satisfaction of appreciation to which they all felt he was entitled.

THROUGH SERVICE FROM BERLIN TO TOKYO.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC.

BERLIN, November 19th.

The International Far East Traffic Conference has concluded. It unanimously agreed to a scheme for the establishment of a through route between West Europe and the Far East if competent authorities in the countries concerned approve.

A through passenger route with a through registration of luggage is expected to be opened next May. For example a second class fare from Berlin to Tokyo will cost about £32.

COAL DISPUTE.

RESULT OF DISTRICT VOTE.

MAJORITY AGAINST ACCEPTANCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 18th.

The Executive Committee of Miners' Federation met this afternoon to receive the results of district voting on the Government proposals for the settlement of the coal dispute. No official statement was made at the end of the meeting but, unofficially, it was declared that the result of voting showed a majority for the rejection of the proposals. It was added that all the men at work had been included as voting for the acceptance, although they did not actually vote. A conference of the delegates will meet to-morrow when the full figures of the vote will be announced. There were 8,960 more men at work in the pits to-day, making the total of 366,030.

Future Procedure.

RUGBY, November 19th.

The Miners Delegates Conference is meeting to-day to decided the future procedure following the rejection by district associations of its recommendation to accept the Government's settlement scheme. It is suggested that the conference may either instruct the districts to begin local negotiations and report results to a further conference or order an individual ballot of the miners.

An agreement to last five years has been reached between the Nottinghamshire coal-owners and a group of delegates representing 40,000 out 60,000 miners in that coalfield who followed the lead of Mr. Spencer the Miners' Member of Parliament and head of the local association, who was recently expelled from the Miners' Federation for repudiating its policy.

Another Movement.

The newspapers state that a number of prominent Labour leaders intend to initiate a fresh industrial peace movement. The *Daily News* says that these leaders hold the view that "industrial events of the present year provide a particularly appropriate opportunity of exposing the ruinous futility of strikes and driving home the advantages of constitutional and conciliatory methods. Some causes of the industrial trouble, it is pointed out, are directly traceable to the competition of inferior labour standards abroad and can be dealt with effectively only by legislation. Others call for the establishment of better relations with employers by the provision of improved machinery of conciliation."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

District Results Coming In.

LONDON, November 18th.

The Miners' Executive is still receiving results of the district voting on the Government's terms.

It is stated that hitherto there is a majority against the proposals. If the delegate conference to-morrow rejected the terms, the Federation will probably leave the districts free to secure the best terms possible and make no further effort to obtain terms.

The London national leaders however, are determined to make a final effort to save the Federation and prevent a debacle.

A Quandary.

LONDON, November 18th.

In connection with the quandary in which the miners' leaders are placed by the districts' rejection of the Government's terms, it is pointed out that while the Delegate Conference to-morrow is practically bound to accept the verdict of the districts, it could still order an individual ballot on the Government's terms.

If the Delegate Conference rejects the terms without suggesting a ballot, it is anticipated that the Government will withdraw the offer.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Notts' coal-owners and the miners who have returned to work, have settled the terms of an agreement under which operations will be continued at district rates. The agreement will operate for five months from December 1st.

Official Figures of Voting.

LONDON, November 19th.

The official figures of the miners' district voting are 461,000 against 313,000 in favour of the acceptance of the Government terms.

BRITISH RAILWAY DISASTER.

EXPRESS AND GOODS TRAIN COLLIDE.

NINE KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 19th.

Nine were killed and many injured in a collision between the Birmingham-York express and a goods train near Rotherham.

LATER.

There was a whirlwind of splinters, a tremendous crash and heart-rending screams, as the express, carrying about 150 passengers, passed Partgate Station, near Rotherham. It collided with a waggon of the goods train, which was fouling the line.

Two coaches of the passenger train were wrecked and the sides torn off.

Nine persons were killed and two seriously injured.

THE SINO-BELGIAN TREATY.

BELGIUM TO APPEAL TO THE HAGUE.

BRUSSELS, November 18th.

The Government proposes that China should define the points at issue with reference to the Sino-Belgian Treaty, with a view to referring it to the Hague Court.

If China does not accept, Belgium intends to appeal to the Hague herself.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY.

"BELGIUM'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN INEQUALITY."

PEKING, November 19th.

The Waichiaopu, in a memorandam to the Belgian Legation, given out this evening states that the submission of Article 46 of the Sino-Belgian Treaty to an international court at The Hague would stress Belgium's desire to maintain inequality. No nation can allow the question of equality to become the subject of judicial enquiry.

If an appeal be made to an international tribunal, it should be the assembly of the League of Nations by virtue of Clause 11 of the Covenant which deals with treaties which become inapplicable, but if Belgium desires to promote the common interests of the two nations, she should proceed with negotiations to conclude a new treaty based on equality.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

"G.B.S." REFUSES THE MONEY.

LONDON, November 18th.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw has declined to accept the money attached to the Nobel Prize which has been awarded to him.

Sweden Angry at Rejection.

STOCKHOLM, November 19th.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw's letter accepting the honour of the Nobel award, but suggesting the accompanying money be devoted to the encouragement of Anglo-Swedish intercourse in art and literature is interpreted as tantamount to a rejection of the whole award.

The general view is epitomised by a member of the Academy who states that the prize money cannot be used as Mr. Shaw suggests, but must be retained by the committee as though no award was made.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Anglo-Swedish Intercourse.

RUGBY, November 19th.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, in a letter sent through the Swedish Minister in London to the Swedish Royal Academy, expresses appreciation of the award to him of the 1925 Nobel Prize for literature, and requests that the money associated with it amounting to £6,500 should be used to encourage literary and artistic understanding and intercourse between Sweden and the British Isles.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

GENEVA, November 19th.

The preparatory Economic Committee has drafted a report to the Council of the League proposing that an economic conference be convened on May 4th, 1927, and that all the economically important States in the world be invited, each to send a maximum of five delegates chosen for their personal qualifications and not as representatives of their Governments. Experts may also attend but will not be entitled to speak.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

CLOSING ON TUESDAY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 18th.

A full meeting of Imperial Conference to-day approved of a series of reports from the sub-committees including one from the Economic Committee on the Australian Premier's proposals for surveys of Empire trade.

Mr. S. M. Bruce suggested that great values would accrue if some system of stocktaking were undertaken in the form of reports showing what the Empire was producing and buying; and he raised the question whether the Imperial Economic Committee or a similar body should make such surveys and communicate the results to the Governments of different parts of the Empire.

The Committee, while recognising that much was already being done in the economic spheres in Britain, the Dominions and India through the medium of publications of the public departments as well as those of institutes and associations, agreed that it would be of advantage if arrangements could be made for a more systematic provision of condensed reports based upon information derived from various parts of the Empire concerned with trade questions regarded from Empire point of views.

Two Resolutions.

When the matter came before the conference two resolutions bearing on the subject were unanimously carried, on the motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, seconded by Mr. Bruce.

One expressed the Conference's appreciation of the work of the Imperial Shipping Committee and the Imperial Economic Committee, while the other was in the following terms: "That the Imperial Economic Committee shall continue on the present *ad hoc* basis with the following general reference, firstly, to complete a series of investigations into the marketing of Empire food stuffs in Britain and, while that work is proceeding, secondly, to put forward for consideration of the various Governments concerned a list of raw materials for possible further marketing, inquiries and suggestions for the preparation and circulation of brief preliminary surveys as suggested by the Economic Committee of the conference in any branch of Empire trade and marketing. Such preliminary surveys would, if the Governments concerned so desired, be followed up by fuller inquiries."

Forestry.

Other reports approved included that of the Forestry Committee, which took a favourable note of recent development of effective organisation within the Empire as exemplified by the Standing Committee on Empire Forestry, the Imperial Forestry Institute and the Empire Forestry Association, and drew special attention to the need for co-operation in all lines of forest research.

The Conference accepted the committee's proposals that the important question of constituting an Empire Forestry Bureau should be referred to the Empire Forestry Conference in 1928.

This Conference is to be held in Australia and New Zealand and the Prime Ministers of those countries declared that everything possible would be done by them to facilitate the work.

State Enterprises and Taxation.

The general Economic Sub-Committee made a report upon the subject of the immunity of state enterprises from taxation. It pointed out that the British Government had in the Finance Act of 1925 made provision that a government of any part of the Empire outside Great Britain should be liable to taxation in Great Britain in respect of trade questions.

The statements by the representatives of the Dominions, India and Colonies showed that they generally accepted the principle of mutual taxation of government trading within the Empire. The sub-committee expressed the opinion that this measure of agreement was sufficient to warrant the opening of negotiations with the governments of foreign countries and with a view to the conclusion with them of reciprocal agreements for mutual taxation of government trading enterprises. Agreements would be without prejudices to national interest of sovereign states in event of war.

The Conference will hold two meetings to-morrow and a further meeting on Monday. Its work will be completed on Tuesday.

SUZANNE'S LATEST.

CHASES PHOTOGRAPHER OFF COURTS.

ANOTHER EXHIBITION OF HER FAMOUS TEMPERAMENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, November 19th.

Mlle. Lenglen's famous temperament which her manager, Mr. Pyle, told her to leave behind in Europe manifested itself to-night when the champion chased a press photographer off the courts where she is appearing here.

The tennis queen submitted to three flashlight photographs, and then told the photographers that "that would be plenty." One lingered, however, in the hope of getting an action pose. Suzanne's eyes flashed as she told him to get out saying that the glare blinded her.

When an official approached to remove the offender, there was a heated argument ending in the exchange of several blows before the cameraman was ejected.

Suzanne was so unnerved by the spectacle that she lost four straight games to Mary Browne, though she rallied in time to win the set by 7-5.

Miss Browne received a hundred dollars bonus which Mr. Pyle promised her if she won four straight games from the World champion.

THE JAVA REVOLT.

CUTTING OFF REBEL LEADERS' ESCAPE.

BATAVIA, November 19th.

All is quiet in West Java but at Bantam there were minor skirmishes between the police and insurgents. A gunboat is cruising in the Soenda Strait for the purpose of preventing the escape of the leaders of the revolt to Sumatra.

It is reported from Soerkarta that forty armed insurgents attacked the Inland Police Station at midnight but were repulsed.

AMERICO-EUROPEAN FINANCE.

HUGE CORPORATION FORMED.

NEW YORK, November 19th.

A new international finance institution called the American, British and Continental Corporation has been formed with capital of $14,000,000 for the purpose of affording a channel for the investment of American capital abroad. It is stated that it is supported by banking houses in many of the European capitals.

ANOTHER SOUTH AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

OUTBREAK IN BRAZIL.

BUENOS AIRES, November 19th.

Advices received here indicate that an insurrection has broken out in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande Do Sul.

It is reported that loyal and mutinous troops have been in conflict in the towns of Sangabriel, Santa Maria and Bage. Rebel aeroplanes bombed Santa Maria, destroying a bank and a large hotel.

CUBA'S SUGAR CROP.

HAVANA, November 19th.

It is officially announced that Cuba's next sugar crop will not exceed 4,500,000 tons.

RUMANIAN KING'S ILLNESS.

QUEEN ABANDONS U.S. TOUR.

NEW YORK, November 18th.

The Queen of Rumania has announced that owing to the cable received from Bukharest that the health of King Ferdinand is not good, she is abandoning her American tour, and going to New York to-night. She will sail homeward on the first available steamer.

THE REVOLT IN NICARAGUA.

U.S. INTERVENTION.

SAN SALVADOR, November 18th.

A message from Le Gucialpa, Honduras, says that General Moncada, the Nicaraguan rebel, has received a notification from the United States' Government to deliver his arms to the new Diaz Government of Nicaragua, as he will not be permitted to fire another shot.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE R.33.

NOT TO BE DISMANTLED.

LONDON, November 18th.

The Air Ministry deny that the R.33 will be dismantled and state that it will be used for further experimental work.

AUSTRALIA AND DAVIS CUP.

MELBOURNE, November 18th.

It is now considered quite unlikely that Australia will challenge in 1927 for the Davis Cup.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK REVOLT IN RUSSIA.

INSURGENTS' SUCCESS.

500 SOVIET ARRESTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 18th.

The Berlin newspaper *Rul* publishes the details of a serious anti-Bolshevik rising south of Pskoff. The paper states that five hundred persons have been arrested, nineteen shot and others sent to Moscow. Two hundred other prisoners have arrived at Pskoff from Ostroff, which is thirty miles to the south.

The centre of the revolt is apparently Baltinovo, which is seventy miles south of Pskoff. The district of Baltinovo is said to be completely in the hands of the insurgents, who are dissatisfied at the disproportion between agricultural and industrial prices.

Tsarist officers are possibly fomenting the rising. The Soviet has despatched troops to reinforce the Red forces in the district.

[Pskoff is situated about 160 miles south-south-west of Leningrad.]

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

HONOUR FOR OVERSEAS PREMIERS.

RUGBY, November 19th.

The Prime Ministers of New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland will attend the Guildhall to-day to receive the Freedom of the City of London. This honour was conferred on other Premiers from distant parts of the Empire during previous visits to London.

INDIAN CURRENCY.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACCEPT THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

RUGBY, November 18th.

Earl of Birkenhead, Secretary for India, stated in the House of Lords, that the Government had reached the following conclusion regarding the report of the Commission on Indian Currency:—In agreement with the Government of India, it was prepared to accept the whole of the recommendations of the Commission, subject to such further consideration of details as might prove necessary. The legislation required to give effect to the recommendations would be introduced into the Indian Legislature during the forthcoming Delhi session.

AIRSHIP BASE BEING ERECTED AT KARACHI.

RUGBY, November 18th.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons that considerable progress was being made with the airship base at Karachi. The foundations had been laid and work on many auxiliary services was proceeding. It was expected that the base will be finished late in 1927.

MARINE COURT.

TWO COOLIES SENT TO PRISON.

SEQUEL TO INCIDENT ON "LAI SANG."

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., two Chuchow Chinese coolies were charged with going on board the s.s. *Lai Sang* without permission of the master, or the officer in charge. Both were sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Mr. J. Modie, the chief officer of the *Lai Sang*, said that at about noon on Thursday he was sitting in his cabin when he heard police whistles, and going outside, he saw the two defendants jump from the side of the ship on to the wharf, but they were arrested by Sergt. Simpson. The men had no permission to be on board.

Sergt. Simpson said that when he was passing in a police launch he heard the police whistles and came alongside. He saw the two men leave the side of the ship and run along the wharf. He gave chase and with the assistance of some Chinese he captured them and took them back to the ship.

The whistles were blown because one passenger alleged that the defendants had stolen $10 from his pocket.

NO MORE STAMPS ON ENGLISH TELEGRAMS.

POST OFFICE ADOPTS THE CASH REGISTER.

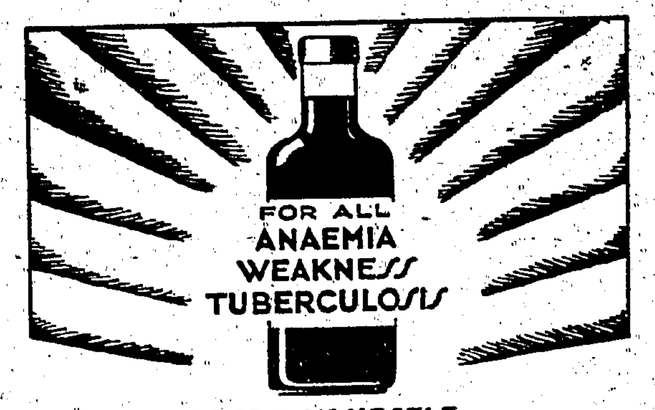
Stamp-licking for post office telegrams in England is to end.

A new device, an invention that comes from New Zealand, has been on trial at Nottingham Central Post Office. It has proved so successful that it is to be installed at all main post offices.

The instrument is like a cash register till with keys for any amount. After the telegram has been handed to the counter clerk and the number of words counted, it is placed in the lower part of the machine, and the amount to be charged "rung up."

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THE POOR OF HONGKONG.

WORK OF SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

REPORT FOR 1925.

The annual fête, from which the Society of St. Vincent de Paul obtains the greater part of the revenue for carrying on its splendid work for the poor of the Colony, will be held in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, December 5th.

Last year the fête realised $15,000 and between $5,000 and $6,000 were obtained from the annual sale of roses. The net receipts in the Society's hands for disposal were nearly $6,000 below those of 1924 and, therefore, the Society's activities had to be considerably curtailed. It is hoped to make amends this year and every effort has been put forward to make the fête especially attractive and, as a consequence, a record financial success. As usual there are several raffles being organised in connection with the function, including one for a new Fiat motor-car.

"Irrespective of Race or Creed."

The following extracts from the Society's report for 1925, which has been forward by the President, Chev. J. M. Alves, gives some idea of the work done.

During the nine months, January to September, 1926, 1,282 visits were made to the poor in their homes, and 9 families comprising 208 persons, irrespective of race or creed, have been regularly relieved. The expenditure for the first 9 months of this year was $5,504 as against $6,308, for the same period in 1925.

Besides providing the articles for the children of the poor, so as to enable them to attend school, the Society also spent during 1925, $370.44 for blankets and woollen suit lengths, and a special grant of $88 for clothing and umbrellas was made to the orphans at the Blind Home in Shaukiwan.

In consequence of the general trade depression the Society had during the year to deal with a larger number of applicants for temporary relief and for passages for persons from outside the Colony.

Among them there were many who were entire strangers, and it was difficult, for the Society to investigate by itself the merits of such cases. In a few instances the Council had the pleasure of co-operating with the Hongkong benevolent Society in attending to some cases that had come to the notice of both. The Society, therefore, welcomes the scheme put forward by the Captain Superintendent of Police for the establishment of a Central Reference Office to be financed by the Government and the various charitable Societies, to which all such persons needing assistance should be directed. The scheme will not only prevent over-lapping but assist very much the work of investigation, and it is hoped that it will soon be in a proper working order.

Education for the Children of the Poor.

The Society has always been deeply concerned with the provision of education for the children of the poor.

The Education Sub-Committee organized last year to look after the moral and intellectual improvement of the students, and to provide them with clothes, shoes, books, stationery, etc., when required, have been working very successfully. One boy and one girl have passed the local University Examinations with distinction.

Besides providing education for 146 children, of whom 63 are receiving an English education, the Society is also maintaining 5 destitute orphan girls at the Italian Convent, Caine Road; and 3 boys at the St. Joseph's Seminary, Macao.

It is gratifying to record that the Knilap—a vernacular school assisted by the Society for the poor Chinese boys at Wanchai—continues to make progress. The daily average attendance is 88. One of the school rooms is thrown open every evening from 6 to 7.30 so as to provide a bright and well ventilated place of study for "home work" for children living in over-crowded tenements, and it is pleasing to record that as many as 50 boys are availing themselves of this facility.

The Society's expenditure on account of this school during the nine months ended September 30th, 1926, was $938. This expense is a heavy drain on the Society's resources, which depend entirely on the uncertain results of each annual bazaar. It would be a pity to have to curtail the scope of activities of this school for lack of funds. The School Committee have, therefore, applied to the Government, for a subsidy. Considering the good work done by the school, the Council hopes that this appeal will meet with a sympathetic response.

The Society also pays fees for 11 poor Chinese girls attending the Tack Ying School. This is a new school in Wanchai for Chinese girls, and is doing very useful work in that district.

The Society spent in 1925 $223,42 for books and stationery and $46 on tram and ferry fares for poor children living at a distance from school. The total expenditure for education for the year was $4,097.32.

Employment Bureau.

The object of the Bureau is to find suitable employment for poor boys and girls on leaving school, and also to assist others who may be out of employment by bringing to their notice particulars of any vacancies. It is gratifying to report that during the period under review employment was found for 4 girls and 7 young men. Two boys were admitted into the Post Office as probationers and a deposit of $75 was made to the Postmaster-General on their behalf.

A grant of $25 was made to a distressed Chinese family to enable them to resume business in a cigarette stall, which owing to illness in the family and exhaustion of means they were about to abandon. Assistance was also given to 2 hawkers to pay their licenses.

St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon Tong.

Under the devoted care of the Little Sisters of the Poor, whose world-wide work for the relief of the Aged Poor—irrespective of race, nationality and creed—is so well known and universally appreciated, 75 old people (18 men and 57 women) are now domiciled in the above Home, all happy and cheerful, and free from the cares and troubles of a life of poverty. The excellent arrangements made with the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals whereby the cases of old and entirely destitute persons left in the hands of these hospitals after treatment would be received by the Home, should accommodation be available, have been working very successfully.

During the period under review 15 people were received, of whom 5 came from the Kwong Wah and Tung Wah Hospitals. Thirteen died during the same period, and of these 9 were buried by the Kwong Wah Hospital free of charge, and 4 by friends. The amount expended by the Society in 1925 for the rent of the present premises and incidental charges, such as telephone and light was $2,184.83, and for the nine months, January to September, 1926, $1,566.70. This is only small contribution towards the Home, as the rules of the order oblige the Little Sisters to beg each day for the maintenance of their charges. The Little Sisters are very grateful to their kind benefactors for the sympathy shown towards their work.

Thanks to the extreme generosity on the part of a large number of contributors, and with the aid of the Society, and a grant of $20,000 from the Government in substitution for the grant of land at Kowloon City, originally offered to the Sisters as a site for a Home, the Little Sister have been able to buy a property at Ngau Shi Wan, outside Kowloon City, for a permanent Home for the aged.

The Council consider it an excellent acquisition for the aged poor with substantial buildings thereon, and with grounds for future developments.

It would take some time to convert these buildings into suitable quarters for the requirements of a Home. The work of reconstruction is going on, and the Little Sisters are anxious to move in as soon as possible; and, for want of accommodation in the present buildings they have been frequently obliged to refuse admission to many really deserving cases.

The Council wishes to record here on behalf of the Little Sisters their deepest sense of appreciation to Dr. Smalley, Dr. Fehilly and Dr. Ip Kam Wah for their honorary medical treatment of the aged poor and the sisters.

(*Continued on next Column*).

CITY CLUB RAIDED.

ALLEGED GAMBLING DEN.

BROKERS AND CLERKS ARRESTED.

Business in the tea, coffee, and rubber markets in the City was disorganised on the afternoon of October 21st by a police raid on a club where dozens of clerks from brokers' offices had foregathered.

The raid was made by the City Police on premises known as the Mincing-lane Club. A number of members were taken to Bishopsgate Police Station, and were brought up next day charged with offences under the Gaming Act.

Hundreds of clerks and messengers, and even brokers themselves, forsook business for a time and gathered in Mincing-lane to watch the police at work. One agitated broker was anxiously searching for his clerk, who held important orders to be cabled abroad. On inquiry at the club he was referred to Bishopsgate Police Station, whither he went in search of his clerk and his documents.

Cosily Furnished.

Detective Inspectors Wagstaffe, Worton, and Ward of the City Police were in charge of the raid, and were accompanied by a number of plain-clothes men. They arrived at the club at about half-past three, and found the premises full of members, some of whom are said to have been occupied at automatic machines.

The club was in the basement vaults beneath an assurance company's offices. It was cosily furnished, and had a refreshment bar and luncheon counter. There was a thick haze of tobacco smoke when the police arrived.

Names and addresses of all the people present were taken by the police, and two taxicabs were hired to convey some of the members to the police station.

The large crowd of City men from the tea, coffee, and rubber markets which had collected cheered and booed the departure of the taxicabs.

The club, which has been established nearly a year, was formerly known as the "Rubber Club," but the name was later changed to "Mincing-lane Club" in deference to the wishes of the rubber market immediately opposite. It is said that the market authorities objected to the name, and members of the market were forbidden to belong to the club.

Police remained on the premises for two hours examining the books and making inquiries. In the meantime plain-clothes men returned with the two taxicabs and removed the automatic machines to the police station.

Members of the club consist mainly of men engaged in the tea and coffee markets.

PROPOSED FUSION OF FOUR FAMOUS FIRMS.

"BROAD IMPERIAL LINES."

MANY MILLIONS OF CAPITAL.

The directors of Brunner Mond & Co., Ltd., Nobel Industries, Ltd., British Dyestuffs Corporation, Ltd., and the United Alkali Co., Ltd., announce (as already briefly cabled by Reuter) that negotiations are in progress for the formation of a new company for the purpose of acquiring by exchange, the shares of the four companies and co-ordinating and developing their businesses and resources on board Imperial lines. The boards of the respective companies have passed resolutions agreeing in principle to a scheme the details of which will shortly be settled.

The directors, says the notice, accordingly advise their shareholders not to be influenced by market rumours, but to await the recommendations that are about to be put before them by their respective boards.

£47,000,000 in Capital.

The magnitude of the transaction is indicated by the fact that the firms have an aggregate authorised share capital of £47,500,000. This is made up as below:

Brunner Mond	£15,000,000
United Alkali	4,500,000
Nobel Industries	18,000,000
British Dyestuffs	10,000,000

The following particulars of the companies concerned in this gigantic merger are taken from the Stock Exchange Year Book:

Brunner Mond & Co., Ltd.

Registered in February, 1881. The investments and associated company balances at March 31st, 1925, stood at £9,194,942.

Authorised Share Capital is £15,000,000, of which £13,749,302 is issued and paid up.

Dividends for the six years to 1914, 27½ per cent. each year; 1915, 25; two years to 1917, 27½; 1918, 11 plus bonus; 1919, 10; 1920, 11½; two years to 1922, 8; 1923, 11; two years to 1925, 10½.

Reserves—invested in the business—general £1,100,000; capital, £1,000,000; depreciation, £1,180,300; suspense, £172,206; carried forward, £89,790.

Sir Alfred Mond and Sir John Brunner are members of the board of directors.

United Alkali Co., Ltd.

Registered in 1890 to acquire various chemical works in the United Kingdom, salt mines and works in the county of Durham have also been taken over, and mining and railway properties in Spain.

Autnorised Capital.—£4,500,000.

Dividends.—Four years to 1919, 15 per cent. each time; 1920, 5 (after transferring £100,000 from special reserve); three years to 1923, 10, plus bonus; 1924, 12½.

Reserve Fund.—£604,983; depreciation reserve £393,087; Debenture and redemption fund, £345,000; carried forward, £100,392.

Sir Max Muspratt is chairman of the directors.

British Dyestuffs Corporation, Ltd.

Registered in 1919 to concentrate, extend, and expedite manufacture of synthetic dyestuffs and colours in this country. The company absorbed various other firms. Under the original incorporation the Government held an interest in the business, but under a reorganisation scheme which reached completion last year, the Government agreed to terminate its right of veto and control, forego the right to nominate two directors, and surrender its £1,700,001 of shares, in return for which the company undertook to pay £600,000 cash against surrendered shares, and to make no alteration in the provision requiring that not more than 25 per cent. of shares and voting power shall be held by foreigners, and generally to keep in touch with the Government on matters of technical information and research.

Shareholders approved of a scheme of arrangement (subject to sanction of the court) providing for the writing down of assets by £2,841,396, and further reduction of assets by £1,580,136 cash repayments, making total reduction of £4,421,532, against which paid-up share capital was to be reduced by a similar amount. Under the scheme.

Share Capital was reduced from £10,000,000 to £5,578,468. Under the rearrangement issued capital in £1 Ordinary shares became £4,775,580; unissued £1 shares to be converted into 802,888 unclassified £1 shares, and share capital to be increased again to £10,000,000 by creation of 4,421,532 new £1 shares, making, with above 802,888 shares, total unissued capital (unclassified) of £5,224,420.

The following were the directors when the Government nominees still sat on the board:—Lord Ashfield (chairman), Sir H. Birchenough (appointed by the Government), Dr. E. F. Armstrong, F.R.S. (managing), Lord Colwyn, Sir A. Mond, Professor W. H. Perkin, F.R.S., and Field-Marshal Sir W. Robertson.

Nobel Industries, Ltd.

Explosives Trades, Ltd., was registered in 1918 to acquire interests through an exchange of shares in companies engaged in explosives and allied industries. In 1920 the present name was adopted. The authorised capital is £18,000,000 in shares of £1.

Dividends.—1918, 9 per cent. on Ordinary; 1919, 10 on Ordinary and 5 on Deferred; 1920, Preference only; 1921, 5 on Ordinary; 1922, 7; 1923, 8; 1924, 9. Carried forward £868,597 after placing £50,000 to special investment reserve, increasing it to £550,000. The company has substantial holdings in Dunlop Rubber Co., General Motors Corporation of America, British Celanese, Ltd., and other companies. Sir H. McGowan is the chairman of the directors.

A youth aged 19, clad in night-clothes, who was stopped by a constable one morning in Uxbridge, was found to be sleep-walking and had come from Chalfont, 7 miles away.

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TILL TO-MORROW
TO BE WISE—
TO-MORROW'S DAWN
ON THEE MAY
NEVER RISE!

INSURE WITH
GILMANS.

OCEAN COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES. [25

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hong Kong.
November 21st, 1926, Sunday before Advent.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.—Te Deum Smart in F.
Preacher:—Rev. N. V. Halward.
Anthem: "I will Magnify Thee" Selby.
Holy Communion at 12 noon.
Service for Young People at 3 p.m. in Chinese and English.
Preacher:—Rev. G. H. Hewitt, B.A.
Evensong at 6 p.m.:—
Preacher:—The Lord Bishop.
Collections for the Victoria Diocesan Association. Members of the Congregation who are unable to be present are asked to send their contribution to the Hon. Treasurer of the Cathedral, S. S. Cassidy, Esq. [97

UNION CHURCH—Kennedy Road.
Sunday Service, November 21st:—
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.:—
Hymns: 344, 136, 446, 450 and 541.
Preacher:—Rev. F. W. P. Alexander, C.F.
P.S.A. in Lecture Hall at 4 p.m.
Address by Rev. F. W. P. Alexander, C.F.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.:—
Hymns: 325, 600, 416 and 665.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie.
Communion at 7 p.m.—Open to all Christians.
Wednesday, November 24th, at 8.15 p.m.—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.
Friday, November 26th, at 8.30 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Meeting and Social Hour. [95

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.—Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station.
Sunday Service, November 21st, at 11.15 a.m.
Subject:—"SOUL AND BODY."
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.
Reading Room at above address, open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon; Monday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. [87

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Kowloon.
V. D. A. Sunday:—
8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
Preacher:—The Lord Bishop.
A Memorial Tablet to the late Sir P. C. Clarke will be unveiled.
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Special Service.
Preacher:—Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C.
Organ Recital by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.
Anthem: "The Lord is My Strength." [442

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, November 19th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.10	30.21	30.19
Temperature	71	61	69
Humidity	66	70	64
Wind Direction	N	N	N
Force	2	2	2
Weather	C	C	C
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 18th ... 72
Lowest open-air Temperature on 19th ... 61

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From November 27th to 26th, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water. H'kong Standard Time.	Height	Low Water. H'kong Standard Time.	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Satur.	20	m 10 13	5 7	m 3 46	1 4
		9 33 a	7 8	3 8 a	3 8
Sun.	21	m 11 18	5 3	m 4 28	1 2
		9 52 a	8 0	3 37 a	3 6
Mon.	22	0 14 a	5 0	m 5 11	1 2
		10 23 a	7 8	4 3 a	3 8
Tues.	23	1 14 a	4 7	m 5 56	1 3
		10 55 a	7 7	4 31 a	4 0
Wed.	24	2 23 a	4 5	m 6 47	1 5
		11 29 a	7 3	4 54 a	4 4
Thur.	25	No inferior High		m 7 46 nor Low	1 8 Water
Fri.	26	m 0 6	6 9	m 8 51	2 0
		No inferior High		nor Low	Water

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SCOTSMEN—AND FAME.

MEN WHO ANSWERED THE CALL OF ADVENTURE.

Sixty-five years ago (says the *Sunday Chronicle*), a small boy walked along a sandy Northumberland beach. He had run away from his Scottish home to become a cabin-boy. To-day this adventurous youngster, who crossed the Border with his pluck and wits as his only fortune, is Sir Walter Runciman, the millionaire shipowner.

His quest for a berth as cabin-boy was successful; he got a job aboard a sailing vessel and began the humble career which was to soar beyond his wildest dreams.

Sir Walter Runciman.

From cabin-boy it was but a short step to seaman, then slowly but steadily he began to climb the ladder. A few years saw him mate, another few years a captain. Tough as nails, he soon got a reputation as a skipper who would stand no nonsense. He was out to get on, and he didn't mean anything to stand in his way.

In its ups and downs his career was like a switchback. Wrecked off the coast of Ireland he came up smiling for round two. Then he was caught in the terrific hurricane of 1878, and once again his fate was in the balance.

His description of the gale has the power of simplicity. There are no trimmings. On the last day of the storm, when everybody was worn out, the fiercest tussle came.

"Before twelve o'clock that night a great blast fell upon us. . . . It blew the terrible sea flat for a time, and it lasted two or three hours."

But his ship, the *Coanwood*, of Newcastle, weathered the storm.

All this was valuable experience, but Runciman did not quite see where it was going to land him. His ambition to make a stir in the world and amass a fortune had never wavered, but it was obvious that he might remain at sea for fifty years and still be no nearer the realisation of his dream.

It was then he made up his mind to take the step which was to lead to the foundation of his commercial prosperity; he left the sea and started as a shipowner. Within a few years he was running a fleet of 25 steamers.

Sir J. M. Barrie.

Just over half a century ago, perhaps the greatest of all Scots who have crossed the Border to fame, a shy, bashful lad from Kirriemuir, had his first lesson at Dumfries Academy. His name was James Matthew Barrie.

Sir James's rise to fame is one of the romances of literature. As a boy he was a puzzle of his class-mates. Now he is 66, but he has never grown up.

Even when at school Barrie had the writing habit. There was at the Academy in his day a school magazine in manuscript called *Clown*, founded and edited by a schoolfellow, Wellwood Anderson, a nephew of Sir James Anderson, who laid the first Atlantic cable. Barrie was one of its principal contributors.

It was in the *Clown* that the first editorial recognition of his literary gifts was published. "Reckolections of a Skoolmaster: Edited by James Barrie, M.A., A.S.S., L.L.D," was the title of the contribution which ran serially in the *Clown*.

Barrie quickly realised that it was little use to him trying to carve out a literary career in Scotland, and, after graduating at Edinburgh University, he went to Nottingham to seek fame on the staff of a newspaper.

Journalistic hack work, however, was not climbing the ladder of fame, and Barrie's ambitions were soon centred in London. Nobody will ever know the true story of those early struggles—Barrie himself is too shy to tell it—but there is no doubt that he had a hard fight.

Somehow or other in the intervals of penning articles to provide the sinews of existence he managed to write a book. For several days after it was published, he has related, he carried it about in his pocket and took surreptitious peeps at it to make sure that the ink had not faded.

"I watched a bookshop where it was exposed on a shelf outside a window, and one day a lady—most attractive—picked up my book and read whole paragraphs, laid it down, went away, came back, read more paragraphs, felt for her purse, but finally went away without buying.

"I have often thought that if my book had been a little better she would have bought it. 'The little more and how much it is.' In that case it was a shilling. But what should be written up behind the scenes is 'The little less and how much it is.'"

And, then, just when he was departing came fame.

Lord Mount Stephen.

Lord Mount Stephen, one of the makers of modern Canada, was another Rajah of commerce who began life as a poor Scots lad and turned his footsteps across the Border to seek his fortune.

Born in Banffshire in the humblest imaginable of homes and of very poor parents, the boy who was destined to become one of the pioneers of the Canadian Pacific Railway worked all the summer on a neighbour's croft for his first wage, the *sum of* 10s.

Five years previously Donald Stewart, afterwards Field-Marshal Sir Donald Stewart and Commander-in-Chief in India, had been born close by. Both went to the same school.

To seek their fortunes, however, one went East and the other to London; when, 40 years later, they met again, it was in Lord Stephen's house, then in St. James's-place. Sir Donald, with a vivid recollection of the circumstances surrounding his friend when they parted, burst out, as they clasped hands: "And is all this really yours?"

What was the secret of Lord Mount Stephen's success? It can be given in two words—hard work. After working on the croft he managed to get a position in a dry goods store at Aberdeen. Ambition still spurring him on he then resolved to join the ranks of the great adventurers who have crossed the Border. He came to London.

But it was a sad blow to the lad who had imagined that the streets were paved with gold to find himself compelled to tramp the pavements day in day out, week in week out, in search of work.

Luck, however, was with him, and just when his tiny store of money was almost exhausted he managed to secure a position at Pawson and Leafs, in St. Paul's Churchyard.

For a time he seemed content, but once again the wanderlust seized him, and with the little money he had saved he set off for Canada to join an uncle who established a dry goods store at Montreal. Under his guidance the business prospered.

In a short time he came to be regarded as a coming man. In a few years he was one of the most-talked-of men in Canada. But for his diplomacy, courage, and commercial ability the Canadian Pacific Railway might never have steered through the rocks of its first perilous days.

Curiously enough the driving of the last spike was performed by the Hon. Donald Smith, afterwards Lord Strathcona, another financial genius who began life as the younger son of a Morayshire farmer, and for some time before setting out across the border was a blacksmith.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

From a two-roomed cottage in Lossiemouth to Prime Minister is a far cry. But Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has made light of the journey. Brought up in abject poverty, he had miles to tramp to school every day. Then for some years he worked on the farms round Lossiemouth, reading voraciously and dreaming the dreams that seemed to arise out of the Scottish mists. Then putting the pack on his shoulders he fared forth to London.

He had no trade and no technical qualifications. Gawky and slow of speech, with nothing but his perseverance and native talent to aid him, he began at the bottom and was not quick to rise. He knew what it was to be cold and hungry. He lived meanly and obscurely, the recipient of odd jobs, like the addressing of envelopes for 12s. a week, out of which he sent remittances to Lossiemouth.

Eventually he found some sort of footing in newspaper offices, made a few friends, and began to assert his individuality. His feet on the ladder and his progress, if slow, was sure.

(*Continued on next Column.*)

MODERN ENGLISH HOUSES.

DRAWING-ROOMS AND PARLOURS.

A recent careful search of those of our advertisement columns which are devoted to the estate market showed that a "drawing-room" is no longer regarded as an attraction in a small house, says a London contemporary to hand. "Dance rooms" were spoken of, the word "lounge" occurred almost as frequently as the expression "ingle-nook," and there was even an occasional reference to a "dining-room." But the drawing-room has so little mention bestowed on it that even the most romantic of estate agents—and all estate agents to judge by their writings are romantic men—seems to hold it in honour no longer. A "drawing-room," one can hear a modern estate agent saying to any client who should be bold enough to mention the name, "is a room that very few people seem to want nowadays." And that, of course, so far at any rate as the middle class is concerned, is the plain truth. For the spirit which created drawing-rooms everywhere, the men and women who peopled them, the furniture wherewith they were garnished, the very language which was spoken within their walls—all these belong to a remote past. The drawing-room represented a formal attitude to life, and this is an unpretentious world. The middle class is formal no longer, as its addiction to "lounge suits" and its demand for "lounges" in its homes apparently testify. This may be due to a quickened sense of humour, but more probably it is due to a changed outlook on life. These are difficult days for the middle class, and there is significance in the fact that, at the very moment when the drawing-room is passing, the demand for "parlour houses" is becoming insistent in the cottage class. "The old order changeth, yielding "place to new."

But the parlour is following almost exactly the same lines as those which determined the evolution of the drawing-room. A century ago the "withdrawing-room" was a snug and intimate apartment to which members of the family might retire and in which they might hope to enjoy the most informal comfort. Little by little that pleasant idea was transmuted into the idea of a "best" room, the most formal and, usually, the most uncomfortable room in the house. The parlour began its career, just as did the drawing-room, in a cosy atmosphere of informality. The bar parlour—now too often become the "saloon bar."—is an example, and so also is the "Lord Mayor's Parlour." But already comfort is fleeing away. The modern parlour, even in country farmhouses, is too often a place to shiver in. Its very furniture reproaches the genial utility of the farmhouse kitchen. It is filled with impossible possessions, is damp as a rule, and has a musty odour. Its uses are always formal. Why human nature should desire such a room is difficult to understand; yet the desire is widespread and intense—as widespread and as intense as was the desire for the Victorian drawing-room. It may be that the parlour in its present form, and the drawing-room of thirty years ago, represent a definite but transient stage in human evolution, a stage of awakening self-consciousness, of "class consciousness" in a special meaning of that term. That stage will presumably disappear when there are no "non-parlour houses" to despise.

DESIGN AND PURPOSE IN NATURE.

SIR O. LODGE ON LIFE IN OTHER WORLDS.

Sir Oliver Lodge delivered the second of his course of six free lectures on "Science and Human Progress," under the Halley Stewart Trust "for research towards the Christian ideal in all social life," at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street.

Taking for his subject "Design and Purpose in the Material World," Sir Oliver Lodge said the Universe was one, and there was no other. The same system of law and order ran through it all. The same system of physics and chemistry prevailed on the farthest star as on the earth—the same atoms, with the same rate of vibration, all obeying the same laws, and all welded together into a visible unity by the mysterious messenger called light, which winged its way across empty space at a barely imaginable speed. Of any individual world, like this planet, the beginning might be traced and its end speculated upon; but of the Universe as a whole that was not possible. Suns might be born and suns might die, much as a cloud might come into being and disperse; but the materials of which it was composed existed before and would exist after.

He thought it reasonable to infer the existence in the Universe of innumerable habitations on which life in its various grades might have developed as it had on this earth. It seemed absurd to suppose that this earth was the only habitable world, merely because it was the only one of which we were certain. What we found here was that life, vegetable or animal, made its appearance wherever the conditions allowed. We might reasonably suppose that wherever the conditions allowed the same sort of thing would happen, and that, amidst the hosts of worlds, there must be multitudes in which the conditions—whatever those conditions might be—were sufficiently satisfied. The Universe was a sort of law-abiding organism, or organization, of which the parts were worlds. It afforded evidence of design and planning. There was great variety, but nothing haphazard. From what we knew of the details here, it was legitimate to surmise that the object of all the worlds in space was to provide an opportunity for life and mind to develop, and that the arrangement of matter in the Universe was subsidiary to that great end. Could anyone rationally suppose that the Universe and the system by which it was held together were accidental? Everything that existed appealed to the human mind and indicated a kinship with its rational processes. Our senses enabled us directly to perceive only the superficial aspect of the material Universe. The rest was all inference, but legitimate inference. Speculation and intuition outran reason, but sooner or later they came within reason's scope.

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OLD AND DANGEROUS PLACES.

A THREE-YEAR JOB.

A three-years expedition is shortly to be embarked upon among unknown parts of the City of London.

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There are known to be sixty miles of sewers in the City area. Some go back to Elizabethan days, and probably a few before that. It is with the intention of finding out where they all are and remapping their whereabouts, mainly so that they will not be endangered by future excavations, that the exploration is to be carried out.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

November 17th.

Taikoo Wanyi, British str., 1,876 tons, Capt. Lupton, from Tjilatjap and Balikpapan. The latter port she left on November 7th, with a cargo of sugar, lying at Quarry Bay.—B. & S.

November 18th.

Fenglee, Chinese str., 1,260 tons, Capt. T. Mori, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C40.—Yue Tai Hong.

Kanchow, British str., 1,916 tons, Capt. W. J. Hodge, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. V12.—B. & S.

Stanley Dollar, American str., 3,742 tons, Capt. M. Olsen, from San Francisco and Manila. The latter port she left on November 15th, with gasoline and fuel oil, lying at Laichikok.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Autou, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi Co.

Yunnan, British str., 1,206 tons, Capt. C. B. Adkins, from Dalny and Amoy, lying at Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

November 19th.

Altai Maru, Japanese str., 4,846 tons, Capt. Machihara, from Antwerp *viâ* Singapore. The latter port she left on November 12th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—O.S.K.

Hwah Cheng, Chinese str., 1,226 tons, Capt. B. Schreiber, from Saigon, which port she left on November 11th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B20.—Wallum & Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. R. Elvidge, from Fort Bayard, with 95 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Nvale, Norwegian motor ship, 1,535 tons, Capt. R. Jentoft, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at China Merchant Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Kalgan, British str., 1,336 tons, Capt. A. Tucker, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Kwong Sang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. C. A. Robertson, from Shanghai *viâ* Foochow and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

President Pierce, American str., 8,393 tons, Capt. G. T. January, from Manila, which port she left on November 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Co.

Wai Shing, British str., 1,189 tons, Capt. A. Dockwrey, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Wakasa Maru, Japanese str., 6,070 tons, Capt. B. Matsukura, from Moji, which port she left on November 15th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

November 19th.

Altar Maru, for Shanghai.
Chinhua, for Bangkok.
Dux, for Takao.
Glentara, for Shanghai.
Hai Ching, for Swatow.
Hellas, for Hoihow.
Kwong Sang, for Canton.
Kueichow, for Weihaiwei.
Shansi, for Shanghai.
Tai Sze Ma, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Tjiliwong, for Saigon.
Wray Castle, for Macassar.
Yat Shing, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *President Pierce*, from Manila, on November 19th:—Mr. C. J. Bufford, Mis E. L. Bantly, Mr. A. C. Cope, Mr. M. F. Cox, Miss M. E. Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dimond, Mr. V. F. Garrett, Mr. A. F. Henry, Mr. R. C. Haring, Mr. R. S. Hixon, Mr. Geo. W. Johns, Mr. W. R. Kuhns, Mr. G. H. Lysle, jr., Mr. F. McBride, Mr. Farell Morris, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rand, jr., Miss Jean Rand, Mr. J. M. Thrussell, Mrs. R. C. Tollan, Miss Anne Tollan, and Mr. H. J. J. Wiess.

By the s.s. *Tango Maru*, from Melbourne *viâ* ports, on November 18th:—Mrs. Henry Jory, Master John Jory, Miss F. G. Oglivie, Mr. R. G. Ritchie, Miss R. G. Ritchie, Mr. Henry Smithe, Mr. N. Parmanand, Mr. G. Pessoomal Daswani, Mr. R. P. Lovell, Mr. A. J. Farah, Mr. A. J. Farah, Mr. C. A. Fares, Mr. N. Fukuichi, Mrs. E. J. Nishi, Mr. James C. Phillips, Mrs. J. M. Phillips, Mr. O. Kuzak, Mr. M. Noborn, Mr. K. Tokio, and Mr. O. Tadayuki.

DEPARTURES.

Mr. the s.s. *Tango Maru*, for Japan, on November 19th:—Mr. S. Tochi, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillips, Mr. O. Kuzak, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jory, Mr. M. Okamoto, Mr. and Mrs. T. Koizumi, Mrs. E. J. Nishi, Miss Nishi, Mr. N. Morikawa, and Mr. F. Nagao.

SHIPPING NOTES

The *Stanley Dollar* arrived here yesterday from San Francisco, and brought 1,050 tons of oil for local discharge. She also had on board 5,129 tons of oil for ports beyond.

The Chinese vessel, *Hwah Cheng*, from Saigon, on arrival here yesterday, reported that she picked up 3 Chinese in a derelict junk near the Paracels.

The total number of deck passengers entered during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 78. The *Tak Hing*, a Chinese vessel from Au Tau, brought 56, and the *Kanchow* (B. & S.) from Shanghai and Amoy carried 21.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT.

There was a considerable decrease of general cargo entered for Hongkong for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, as compared with the returns of the day previous. The total tonnage amounted to only 2,662 tons, out of which 2,215 tons were carried by British vessels. In addition to this there were 4,250 tons of sugar brought by the s.s. *Taikoo Wan Yi*, a British steamer.

Cargo for ports beyond maintained the same average; the total tonnage on steamers passing through Hongkong was 10,621. The best return was 4,800 tons carried by the *Glentara*, from Rotterdam and Singapore. The *Hwah Cheng*, from Saigon, also contributed 3,367 tons.

During the period under review, there were 14 arrivals and departures. Their nationalities were:—British, 7 arrivals and 3 departures; Japanese, 1 arrival and 4 departures; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Chinese, 4 arrivals and 2 departures; Dutch, 4 departures; Portuguese, 1 arrival; American, 2 arrivals and 1 departure.

There were a totnl of 65 vessels in port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. They comprised the following:—British, 23; American, 1; Norwegian, 4; German, 1; Panama, 1; Chinese, 16; Dutch, 6; French, 1; Portuguese, 3.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found elsewhere.

CHEAPER OCEAN TRAVEL.

WHITE STAR LINE'S NEW SERVICE.

On board the s.s. *Cedric*, at Liverpool, the White Star Line entertained its agents from all parts of the United Kingdom, the occasion being the inauguration of a tourist third cabin service between Liverpool, Boston, and New York, with calls at Queenstown out and home. The service will be maintained by the *Cedric* and the *Celtic*, each over 21,000 tons. Originally built for first, second, and third class passengers, they will in future carry only cabin, tourist third cabin, and third-class passengers. In short, those who choose to travel "tourist third cabin" by these vessels will enjoy practically all the comfort and convenience formerly associated with second-class, for a payment, in addition to the third-class fare, of £2 for the single and £3 for the double journey. For those who desire no more than is afforded by third-class, entirely new features have recently been built into both the *Cedric* and the *Celtic*. These include spacious lounges, with provision for music and dancing, children's playrooms, and smoking-rooms.

Mr. S. E. Cruse, chief assistant manager, who presided at the luncheon, said that a few years ago the combined emigration of people of the various countries of Europe to America was about 1,500,000 per annum; to-day the total movement under the United States quota law was under 200,000. In the past two or three years there had been a great demand for cabin accommodation, and they had now to cater for what were termed "tourist third cabin" passengers, quite a new form of travel, and one that was steadily growing. The past few years had seen such changes in travelling conditions that even now they might be said to be working more or less on experimental lines.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agra (Swedish East Asiatic), due about November 30th
Benlloran (Ben Line), due to-day.
Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 13th.
Khiva (P. & O.), due November 22nd, about 8 a.m.
Preussen (Hamburg-Amerika Linie), due to-morrow, at daylight.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

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ARRIVES EN ROUTE FOR AMERICA.

The Dollar Liner s.s. *President Pierce* arrived in port yesterday morning from Manila, *en route* for the North and San Francisco, for which ports she sails to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The *Pierce* brought 145 tons of general cargo for local discharge, and carries 2,400 tons from Manila for ports beyond, the majority being for the States. She will take on a small consignment of freight from Hongkong.

There were twenty-seven cabin passengers disembarking here, with 22 through cabin passengers, including nine for Shanghai, two for Honolulu; and eleven for San Francisco. Up to yesterday afternoon sixty additional passengers had booked from Hongkong, including the Shanghai interport cricket team. Among the passengers leaving are Mr. Wolsiffer, of the B.A.T., and his wife, for Shanghai, and Commander Moses of the U.S.S. *Helena*, and his wife, who have booked through to San Francisco.

Home Mails.

Two Home mails are due to-morrow. The s.s. *Katori Maru* will arrive from the North with a mail from Home and Europe *viâ* Siberia; and the s.s. *Phemius* is due with letters and papers *viâ* Negapatam (dated London, October 21st).

TWO SCUTTLED SHIPS.

CURIOUS EVIDENCE IN WIFE'S CLAIM.

During the hearing in the Law Courts, London, recently of the claim of Mrs. Olympia Anghelatos, of Palace Place-mansions, Kensington, against Mr. F. S. Salaman, trustee in bankruptcy of her husband, Mr. Denis Anghelatos, a shipowner, for £1,403 and £200, Mrs. Anghelatos said she advanced £94,000 to her husband, and was claiming nearly that amount from his estate.

In reply to a question, Mrs. Anghelatos said that her mother never worked. She did not know how to work. She was a lady by birth.

Mr. Justice Roche: That is a new definition, but of course we know what you mean. (Laughter.)

Mr. Denis Anghelatos stated that in 1916 one of his ships, which had cost him £15,700, was sunk by a German submarine, and the underwriters paid him £140,000 for her.

In 1921 he lost two ships, *Gregorious II.* and *Olympia II.*, and it was eventually held by the courts that both ships were scuttled, and therefore he could not recover from the underwriters. He then became insolvent.

Mr. Neilson: Your deficiency is £381,900?—Yes.

A dividend of 3d. in the £ has been paid?—Yes.

The hearing was adjourned.

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW ...	"TINGSANG"	..Tuesday,	23rd Nov., at 10 a.m.
CANTON ...	"HOPSANG"	...Friday,	26th Nov., at 6 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI ...	"KWAISANG"	..Friday,	26th Nov., at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"CHEONGSHING"	...Friday,	26th Nov., at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ...	"FOOKSANG"	...Saturday,	27th Nov., at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW ...	"HOPSANG"	...Tuesday,	30th Nov., at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ...	"MINGSANG"	...Thursday,	2nd Dec., at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ...	"KUTSANG"	...Friday,	3rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"HINSANG"	...Tuesday,	7th Dec., at 2 p.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"CHIPSHING"	...Wednesday,	8th Dec., at Noon.
KOBE ...	"HOSANG"	...Saturday,	11th Dec., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	...Wednesday,	22nd Dec., at 4 p.m.
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"GLENIFFER"	6th Jan.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.		
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AMAZONE B ...	5th Nov., "	8th Dec., "	4th Jan., 1927
ANGERS B ...	19th Nov., "	22nd Dec., "	18th Jan., "
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RAKUYO MARU	Wednesday,	12th Jan., at Noon

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KATORI MARU	Sunday,	21st Nov. at 5 p.m.
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SADO MARU	Saturday,	11th Dec.

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AKITA MARU	Sunday,	21st Nov.
MURORAN MARU	Wednesday,	1st Dec.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU	Saturday,	18th Dec.

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"KARMALA"	9,128	27th Nov., Noon.	Marseilles, Casa Blanca, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	6,852	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MIRZAPORE"	8,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NELLORE"	6,852	3rd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Anwerp & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"SHIRALA"	7,841	24th Dec.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	2nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	6th Jan.	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Jan.	
"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.	
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	26th Nov.	Shanghai only.
"TALMA"	10,000	27th Nov.	Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,914	10th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	13th Dec.	Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	18th Dec.	Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,915	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

AMOY, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 20th	Nov.,	4 p.m.
PASOEROEAN	"TAIKOOWANYI"	On 20th	Nov.,	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"NANCHANG"	On 21st	Nov.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 21st	Nov.,	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 23rd	Nov.,	6 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"KWANGSE"	On 24th	Nov.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 25th	Nov.,	10 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 25th	Nov.,	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 27th	Nov.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 28th	Nov.,	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 30th	Nov.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 2nd	Dec.,	10 a.m.

SALOON PASSAGE RATES, HONGKONG TO SHANGHAI and vice versa, Have Now Been Reduced To
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S.S. "VENEZIA"	Sails on or about 9th December.
M.V. "ROMOLO"	Sails on or about 6th January, 1927.

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	From Hongkong.
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M.V. "ROMOLO"	Sails on or about 4th February, 1927.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan, ...	*Anyo Maru* ...	20th Nov.
Shanghai	*Soochow*	20th Nov.
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Katori Maru* ...	21st Nov.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London, 21st Oct.)	*Phemius*	21st Nov.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Siberia Maru* ...	22nd Nov.
Straits	*Khiva*	22nd Nov.
Manila	*Pres. Madison* ...	23rd Nov.
Japan	*Mishima Maru* ...	23rd Nov.
Japan & Shanghai	*Chambord* ...	23rd Nov.
Saigon	*General Metzinger*	24th Nov.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Taft* ...	25th Nov.
Shanghai	*Karmala*	26th Nov.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Jackson* ...	27th Nov.
Straits	*Suwa Maru* ...	28th Nov.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Saturday, 20th,
Amoy	*Laisang*	9.30 A M
*Straits, L. Marques & South Africa ...	*Wakasa Maru* ...	1.30 P M
Swatow	*Seale*	1.30 P M
Fort Bayard	*Hydrangea* ...	2.00 P M
Amoy	*Kiuakjchow* ...	2.30 P M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *U.S.A., C.&S. America & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 15th Dec., and EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	*Pres. Pierce* ...	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M
Haiphong	*Song Bo*	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 21st,
Swatow and Bangkok...	*Kwangtung* ...	8.30 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th Dec.	*Katori Maru* ...	Reg. 9.00 A M Letters 9.00 A M
Saigon	*Fenglee*	5.00 P M
		Monday, 22nd,
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kyodo Maru No. 26*	9.00 A M
Shanghai and Japan	*Khiva*	2.30 P M
Manila & Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	*Emil Kirdorf* ...	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Suiyang*	5.00 P M
		Tuesday, 23rd,
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th Dec.	*Chambord* ...	Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Noon
		Wednesday, 24th,
Haiphong	*Kwangsi*	8.30 A M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th Dec.	*Mishima Maru* ...	Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C.&S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 13th Dec., and EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	*Pres. Madison* ...	Parcels Noon Reg. 2.45 P M Letters 3.30 P M
Shanghai	*General Metzinger*	2.00 P M
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America &, *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 21st Dec. ...	*Protesilaus* ...	Parcels 5.00 P M Reg. 25th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Thursday, 25th,
Swatow	*Soochow*	8.30 A M
Hoihow and Haiphong	*Tuming*	10.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Devasha* ...	10.00 A M
Straits	*Van Cloon* ...	2.30 P M.
		Friday, 26th,
Japan	*Anyo Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hoi Ning*	1.00 P M
Manila	*Pres. Taft*	1.30 P M
Shanghai	*Suechuen*	5.00 P M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



LONDON SERVICE.

"PYRRHUS"	30th Nov.	Mars., L'don., Hull B'dam. & Hamburg.
"HECTOR"	15th Dec.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Glasgow.
"AUTOLYCUS"	28th Dec.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Hamburg.
"AENEAS"	11th Jan.	Mars., L'don., B'dam. & Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"BELLEROPHON"	1st Dec.	Oran, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"TITAN"	18th Dec.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"DOLIUS"	20th Jan.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.
(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA)

"PROTESILAUS"	25th Nov.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.
"TALTHYBIUS"	16th Dec.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"NINGCHOW"	19th Nov.	New York, Boston & Baltimore.
"YANGTZE"	17th Dec.	New York, Boston & Baltimore.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"HECTOR"	15th Dec.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"AENEAS"	11th Jan.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"SARPEDON"	9th Feb.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"PATROCLUS"	9th Mar.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.

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Issued and Fully Paid-up$30,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £4,500,000
Silver $27,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors$30,000,000

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Colombo	Lyons	Soerabaya
Dairen	Malacca	Sungei Patani
Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Moukden	Tokyo
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Harbin		

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 27th May, 1926. [25

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th May, 1926. [2

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
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Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.59,667,283.54

Branches:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hongkong	Saigon
Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.
Head Office: Hongkong.
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Authorized Capital$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
Reserve Fund 1,200,000

Branches and Agencies.

Canton	Osaka	Haiphong
London	Singapore	Batavia
Seattle	Melbourne	Kowloon
Nagasaki	Calcutta	New York
Tientsin	Saigon	Kobe
Manila	San Francisco	Peking
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Shanghai	Tokyo	Sourabaya
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Kan Tong Po,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1926.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Head Office: Hongkong.
Established 1912.

Authorised Capital ...£1,280,000
Paid Up Capital£1,092,925
Silver Reserve Fund $ 700,000
Branches:—Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.
Correspondents in all Principal Cities of the World.
London Bankers:—The Lloyds Bank, Limited.
Every description of banking business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes in various sizes to be let from $5.00 to $40.00 yearly.
LOOK POON SHAN,
Chief Manager.
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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

November 19th, 1926.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 7/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11⅛
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/0 7/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/0 9/16
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,329
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,340
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47⅛
Credits, at 60 days' sight	48⅛
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	131½
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	131½
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight / Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On Yokohama.—On demand	96⅛
On Manila.—On demand	95
On Singapore.—On demand	84⅛
On Batavia.—On demand	117
On Haiphong.—On demand	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	nom.
On Bangkok.—On demand	95⅛
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	$10
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	—
Bar Silver, per oz.	25⅛

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office:
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Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund£1,350,000

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Branches:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
Bombay	Kota Bharu	Rangoon
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Colombo	Kuantan (Pahang)	Simla
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Galle	New York	Sourabaya
Hongkong		
Howrah		

Hongkong Branches:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, June 17th, 1926. [29

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
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Reserves Frs. 11,180,000
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London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ...Yen 29,375,000

Head Office:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
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T. TAKAGI,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
8, Des Voeux Road, Central
Hongkong, 11th May, 1926. [27



THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行

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Paid-up Capital 19,760,200.00
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TSUYEE PEI,
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Hongkong, January 16th, 1926. [38

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Fengtien (Mukden)	Nagoya	Shimonoseki
Hamburg	Newchwang	Sydney
Hankow	New York	Tientsin
Harbin	Peking	Tokyo
Honolulu	Rio de Janeiro	Tsinanfu
Interest allowed on Current Accounts.		Tsingtau
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.		Vladivostock

C. ARIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th Sept., 1926. [35

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

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Reserve Fund£4,000,000
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Canton	Kuching	Soerabaya
Cawnpore	Madras	Taiping (F.M.S.)
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A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, August 1st, 1926. [80

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